Mr Begin says his peace plan is open to negotiation

Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime time Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Minister, saw Mr Callaghan for three hours vesterday and gave him details of the Middle East peace plan which he will present to President Sadat on Christmas Day. He said that his proposals were open to negotiation. At the same

Defence Minister met President Sadat in Ismailia and then held talks in Alexandria with General Gamassi, his Egyptian counterpart. They are thought to have discussed arrangements for electronic surveillance of Sinai

Details given to Mr Callaghan

Dictionatic Correspondent

Air Begin, the Israeli Prime
Minister, saw Mr Callaghan in
London yesterday and gave him
a full account, with maps, of
his new Middle East peace plan, which he will present to President Sadat at their Christmas Day meeting in Ismailia.

The plan is seen here as a constructive and imaginative approach towards a peace seriement for the Middle East

Ar the same time Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Minister of Defence, flew to Ismalia for a brief meeting with President Sadat He then went to an air base near Alexandria for talks with his Egyptian counterpart, General Gamassi.
It seems likely that the two

defence ministers reviewed technical arrangements for electronic surveillance of Sinal in the event of an Israeli with-drawal. There was also speculation that the idea of a "hot line" between Jerusalem and Crivo was discussed.

Perhaps the roots important

Perhaps the most important A point to emerge from Mr hosts Perin's talks in London was would that his proposals for a settle-those ment are not final but open to negotiation with President Sadat. "He may have some counter proposals and we will of course consider them". Mr Begin said during a press con-ference at London airport before his departure for Israel He said the two men would be meeting "as friends" and added: "We have an under-

tanding.

The British impression is that Mr Begin is indeed making a positive response to President Seeds initiative. Whether it Sadat's initiative. Whether it was seeking a comprehensive goes far enough to satisfy all peace treaty, not just a settle-the parties concerned is for Mr meht with Egypt, said of Syria's Sadat to say, but Mr Callaghan negative attitude that there was vesterday raised a number of important issues with Mr Begin, such as the status of the Pales-inians, and the position of Jerusalem and the occupied territory in the Golon Heights.
Mr Begin, looking somewhat
tired after his journey from Washington yesterdey and speaking in a low voice which bordly penetrated the whitring of television cameras, said be

be dropped

by Radio 4

By Our Arts Reporter

The BBC's early morning purchasine Today is likely to dueppear from the radio schedules in the new year.

Changes in the programme bare led to a drop in its popu-larity and it is undersmod that

a new programme of up to three hours will take its place.

In London Today has been losing ground to the news and

information service provided by the London Broadcasting Company, BBC's commercial

The BEC made no comment

last night, but rumours have been rife for weeks. The

change is expected to coincide with the merger of the news

and current affairs groups. The

chang: to an early programme with a new name, format and presenters, will also be made

in time for the transfer of Radio 4 from medium to long

21 hostages held

Monila, Dec 21.-A gunman

took 21 people hostage today when his robbery attempt failed at a bank inside the American

navel base at Subic Bay in the Philippines. He demanded a helicopter to fly him out of

Marksman surrounded the

bank as Philippines and United

States military authorities be-

gan negotiating for the hostages'

ia bank raid



Mr Callaghan and Mr. Begin together at Chequers yesterday

believed his proposals regard-ing the Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank would be seen as "just and fair and conducive

A point which his British hosts have made is that it would be wise to encourage those elements of Palestinian opinion, within the Palestinian Liberation Organization in particular, which seem inclined towards a paragraph settlement. towards a peaceful settlement.

More widely, the feeling is
that Saudi Arabia, Jordan and
the Gulf states are, in spirit, in fevour of President Sadat's peace initiative, even if they cannot say so openly, and that therefore Mr Begin's task is to convince Mr Sadat that he can satisfy Arab demands as a whole

whole.

Mr Begin, repeating that he a precedent for it in the armistice agreement of 1949, which Syria signed only six or seven months later. A difference

in timing was not an obstacle, he said.

If Mr Begin can succeed in serting our acceptable proposals for the main issues in the Middle East—Sinsi, the West Bank, and Jerusalem—the re-mainder, including the future

of the Pelestinians, may yet fall into place. Certainly the impression Mr Begin has given is that he means to negotiate in earness, and that he feels fortified by the support of the United States and Britain.

The talks at Chequers yesterday morning leased three boars. day morning lasted three hours Mr Callaghan, although under no illusions about Britain's power to move events in the Middle East, nevertheless has a certain influence, based on Britain's long-standing connexions with the Middle East. Mr Begin also saw President Giscard d'Estaing's special envoy yesterday, and sent a message to Paris, expressing the hope that the spirit of Israel's friendship with Frence between

friendship with Krence between 1956 and 1967 could be revived. He will probably pay an official visit to France next year. Tel. Aviv. Dec. 20.—Israeli authornies: today refused an Egyptian airliner peunission to land at Tel Aviv after it was directed from Amman hecuise

diverted from Amman because The aircraft, which was carrying 243 passengers and 13 crew

members, was on a charter flight from Cairo to Ammao. It continued on to Beirut, where it landed safely.—Reuter

Goodwill in Caire and Mr Welzman's visit, page 5

'Today' may Talks bring hope of end to bread dispute

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

Bakery workers' leaders emerged from 10 hours of talks with the employers late last night with an improved pay offer that could help to end the overtime ban that is disrupting bread supplies in England and

Union and management headers mer at the offices in Westminster of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service. Mr Semuel Moddox, general secretary of the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers, said the employers had improved their offer and it would be con-sidered today.

An employers' official said he was hopeful of normal working by Christmas, but union leaders insisted that a national ballot was necessary to call off the action and that could not be completed until after Christmas. Earlier Mr Maddox, whose union's 57,000 members produce most of the bread eaten in England and Wales, had said there might be a total strike before Christmas unless the dispute was settled.

The overtime ban is causing serious shortages of bread in many meas as shoppers attempt to store supplies for the Christ-mas period. The Federation of Bakers maintained that there would be adequate supplies for everybody if there was no panic buring.

Private bakeries without union members are doing their utmost to cope with excessive demand but are restrained by

the seasonal demand for fancy goods. Long queues have occurred in almost every dis-trict of England and Wales. Scottish bakeries are exempt. The employers' negotiating team yesterday emphasized the poor financial state of the industry and insisted that, apart from breaching the Government's guidelines, the union's pay demand would have serious involvations for profit margins.

implications for profit margins and consequently jobs.

The union, which less than three months ago struck over a pay demend, appeared unre-learing after yesterday's first wilks esseion. iks session. Mr Maddox, a militant, said: "The employers are digging their heels in", and added:

"If the employers were willing to pay the same as the municipal employers are willing to pay for lavatory attendants, car park attendents and general labourers, I would settle on The union wants a rise of a

tenth on basic earnings, three days extra holiday, and consolidation of the phases one and two rises (£8.50 in most cases) to enable them to count for overtime calculations. The employers say that that would breach the Government's guidelines on earnings.
The two sides consisted of eight from the union and six

from the employers. The industry is excessively affected by a ban on overtime because it disrupts the link netween the ending of one shift and the beginning of another, which is normally filled by overtime. That means that production has to be halved between shifts.

Jockey Club now favours state authority to control racing

By Marcel Berlins
The Jockey Club has told the Royal
Commission on Gambling that it
favours establishing a new national
authority, responsible to the Home
Office to supervise and control racing. In additional evidence to the commission the club has reversed its previous views on the subject. In its main evidence it gave warning of the dangers of establishing such an authority and made clear its total opposition to it. Lord Howard de Walden, the senior steward, said yester-day: "We have, quite frankly, changed

our minds."

The proposal for a racing authority is designed to keep effective control of racing in the industry's hands. There would be 10 members, three of them, would be 10 members, three of them, including the part-time chairman, appointed by the Home Secretary. Two appointments would go to the Jockey Club, with breeders, racecourses and racehorse owners having one each. The chairmen of the Tote Board and of the Bookmakers' Committee would take up the other two places.

The powers exercised by the levy The powers exercised by the levy

'The club, having at last perceived that the weight of evidence appears to be against Jockey Club dominance, is now seeking to retrieve the situation by putting forward its own proposals for controlling the industry under the thin guise of a scheme which appears to place control elsewhere '—Sir Desmond Plummer.

board, which supervises the collection of the betting levy from bookmakers and distributes the money for the benefit of racing, would be vested in the new authority. The levy would continue to be the main method of financing racing.

Sir Desmond Plummer, chairman of the levy board, said the proposals had many flaws, and it was hard to take them seriously. He complained about lack of consultation before the Jockey Club's new views were amounced.

He wondered whether "the club, having at last perceived that the weight

of evidence to the royal commission appears to be against Jockey Club dominance, is now seeking to retrieve the situation by putting forward its own proposals for controlling the industry under the thin guise of a scheme which appears to place control elsewhere. "Where are the trainers, jockeys and stable staff? Why has the Jockey Club chosen only the racecources, owners and

The club's proposals make clear that, although it would be transferring much control to the new authority, it would regain its administrative role and

remain in charge of formulating rules, licensing trainers and jockeys, planning racing programmes, and matters of discipline.

It wants one of the two Home Office nominees other than the chairman to be chosen to represent the views of those who make their living from racing and the other to be the chairman of the Racing Industry Liaison Commit-

Lord Howard de Walden said that he did not believe that the proposals amounted to nationalization of racing-nor did he think there would be any undue government interference if the

new authority was established. The royal commission, which asked the lockey Club to make suggestions for a racing authority, and can thus be assumed to be scriously considering recommending its establishment, is not expected to report before the middle of next year. If it does so recommend, and assuming that the Goverroment agrees, the new authority is unlikely to be set up before 1980.

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Claim to No 2 role in alliance described as Jobless total falls as more From Patricia Clough find work

By David Blake Unemploymen: fell

conth in spite of the continuing depression in the economy, according to Department of Employment figures. The seasonably adjusted total, excluding school leavers, dropped 5.700 to 1,371,000 (5.9 per cent of the rotal workforce) in

The crude unadjusted total for the whole of the United Kingdom was 1,480,822, includ-ing school leavers, which repre-sents a fall of 13,272 from the November figure. This total in-cludes Northern Ireland. The fall is almost entirely ex-

plained by a drop in the num-ber of school leavers out of work. In Britain the number of unemployed school leavers de-clined in the month by just over A further piece of good news is that the number of vacancies

is that the number of vacancies has risen on a seasonally adjusted basis to 160,600, some 7,000 more than in November.

However, the underlying picture remains fairly bleak.

Output of all kinds, especially industrial production has been stagnant or has even fallen during recent months.

Since the labour force has been rising by an average of just over 10,000 a mouth, samply to hold unemployment steady requires a significant number of new jobs.

The unemployment figures suggest that the Government has been doing even better than this. Therefore, the only conclusion is that either the figures are wrong, that the workforce has not been expandworkforce has not been expanding as expected, or that productivity (output per worker)
has been falling.

The figures might be wrong
because of the difficulty of
fitting in the impact of school

leavers or because of the activity.

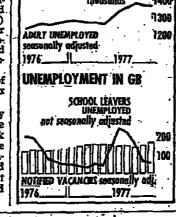
In the past, the summer wit-

nessed a great expansion of building activity but construction is now so depressed that the traditional seasonal adjustment may overstate unemployment in summer and understate it in winter.

A second reason for error could be that fewer people are joining the workforce than expected. In part, short-term errors of this kind could be just another way of stressing the difficulty of fitting the large number of school leavers into the figures. the figures.

However, there could also be a tendency for some groups not to try to get jobs because they are known to be difficult to are known to be difficult to find. This phenomenon often appears when memployment remains high for a long period. The third reason is that productivity has fallen because employers have held on to workers even though output is declining or stagnant. This explanation would sharely continued to the control of the control planation would sharply con-tradict the reasons being used

to justify many pay increases.
The most likely explanation
of the figures is a mixture of
all three.
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'almost grotesque' by West German expert young people Britain said to be weakest Nato link

England does for Nato. There

Bonn, Dec 20

A leading West German de-fence expert alleged today that Britain's military and financial shortcomings had made it the weakest link in the Atlantic alliance.

It was "almost grotesque", Herr Adelbert Weinstein, the Defence Correspondent of the Frankfurier Allgemeine Zeitung, wrote today, that the British should strive to play the big number two in Nato while contributing so little to

In a front page leading article, he pointed out that the United States, West Germany, Belgium and Norway, in particular, had increased their de-Britain is holding out in splendid isolation on the lowest level of Nato commitments.

"It is alarming how little

to accept the recommendations

of an independent tribunal, headed by Mr Patrick Bennett.

Indonesia frees

10,000 prisoners

Indonesia released 10,000 politi-cal prisoners held without trial since the bloody but abortive communist coup 12 years ago. Another 20,000 political prison-ers are to be released within two years. Those released

two years. Those released-yesterday had to swear allegi-ance to President Suharto's

government. They were told that they should be ready for questioning if and when it was

considered necessary Page 6

Both Soviet cosmonauts ven-

both Soviet cosmonauts ven-tured out of the Salyut orbiting laboratory and one, the civilian, went for a "space walk" to check if its docking devices were ship-shape after the pre-tious aborted link-up. They

New mayor cuts

Mr Edward Koch, rewly elected mayor of New York, has persuaded city councillors

to cancel 50 per cent pay rises they were about to award them-selves, and has thereby for-feited a big increase for himself Page 5

Sahara hostages

Eight French hostages, held by Polisario guerrillas in the Wes-

tern Sahara, will be escorted

back to France by Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of

the United Nations, in time for

Christmas, by agreement with the guerrillas Page 5

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are no concrete English commit-ments which go beyond 1978. London takes German subsidies (in the form of what is sup-posed to be the last off-set agreement) but its Army in the ederal Republic is out of date.

"Its air fleet is becoming obsolete. The joint production of the new multi-purpose aircraft Tornado is lagging, they are going their own way on producing a flying early warning and control system. Against this background it

is almost grotesque how the British are bent, on the other hand, on playing the role of the big number two in Nato politics. And with success. They provide the conductors, the others the orchestra.'

The Americans, he went on, were tactfully prepared to see Britain's decline in performance as the result of its "battle

was not present at the police committee hearing but was rep-

resented by his solicitor and junior counsel Page 3

Oil price rise of

up to 8 pc urged

On the opening day of its con-ference in Caracas the Organiza-tion of Petroleum Exporting

countries was urged to increase oil prices by five to eight per

cent and to donate the pro-ceeds—between \$7,000m and \$11,000m—to help to pay the debts of Third World countries

rocists sought in connexion with

the Schleyer murder in Octo-

Next year would be crucial for

the economic future of France, M Raymond Barre, the Prime

Minister, told journalists in Paris. At least two more years

were needed to beat the country's economic crisis Page 4

Wealth tax: Sir Geoffrey Howe

has condemned the Govern-ment's decision to go ahead with

Militant miners: The High Court is to give its decision today on a plan for an injunc-tion restraining the NUM from perceivation misconductivity

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mas message, gives a password for peace for all children 4

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Sport, pages 8 and 9 Hockey: England's manager re-signs; Cricket: Dramatic collapse by India; Football: West Brom-

wich manager flies to Saudi Arabia to discuss future

Stock markets: For the first time in more than a week the FT Index. gained ground, rising 9:8 for a close of 479.6

Financial Editor : Exchange con-

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nation".

But that was only one aspect of the problem, "Strong groups which are against Europe and Nato are tying the English Government's hands. The obstruction is gradually endangering the alliance."

Other countries, such as Canada and the Netherlands, which "like Britain have to practise financial abstinence, but who pay and improve their armed forces, notice that Nato reacts like a paper tiger to Britain's non-fulfilment of commitments. They are beginning to wonder how long they will be able to ask their parliaments for further sacrifices for Atlantic security.

Atlantic security."

The alliance should demand. at the very latest by its next ministerial conference in Wash-ington in May, "strategic fair-ness from its once great military partner", Herr Wein-stein concluded.

343 killed in Iranian earthquake

Teheran, Dec 20.—A severe earthquake hit south-eastern Iran early today, killing at Jeast 343 people and injuring 247, officials said. Mr Stanley Parr, aged 60, Chief OC, which sat for eight days last October. The tribunal investibeen dismissed from his £13,500-agent post by Lancashire Police. a-year post by Lancashire Police use of police manpower and interference with the police process. It found 26 of them charges against him had been charges against him bad been proved. Mr Bennett's report said: "I do not think Mr Parr would appeal and has three weeks in which to do so. The office that he did." Mr Parr

Air Force transports and helicopters were ferrying doc-tors, medical supplies, food and tents to the survivors of the earthquake, which flattened several villages in rural Kerman province, 400 miles from the capital. The main tremor struck at

3.36 am (local time), driving people from their homes into the icy weather until daylight. The earthquake, which registered 6.2 on the Richter scale, was the third disastrous earthquake to hit Iran this year. A spokesman for Iran's main relief organization, the Red Lion and Sun, said the dead and injured came mainly from three villages situated near the earthquake's epicentre—Bab-Tangal, Ghisak and Sarabagh near Zaraud town.

He said that more than 150 injured had been taken by rail from Zarand to hospitais in Kermen, the provincial capital.

—Reuter.

Fighting as fog adds to Heathrow crowds

Fist fights broke out among passengers at Heathrow last night as holidaymakers crowded all three terminals. In terminal three, travellers were forced to sit or lie on the floor because of delays to more than twenty flights after Monday's

Aircraft were delayed in returning to Heathrow and some iepartures were more than eight departures were more than eight hours date. As frustration grew, fighting and jostling broke out among a small group of travellers in a rush for remaining seets on a flight to New York. A man died and seven people were injured in collisions in thick fog on the M62 yesterday covering two miles between Windy Hill, near the Lancashire border, and Outlane, on the outskirts of Huddersfield.

Regular firemen turned out with four emergency tenders carrying cutting gear. The injured were taken to Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, where three of them were still detained last night.

About forty lorries and cars were involved, also a mobile crane. Two people received severe leg injuries. Two loxy drivers were trapped for drivers were almost two hours. There were 20 mph restric-

tion signs in operation at the time of the crashes, the police said. "That fog was very thick. Traffic was just hurring up to the crash." but more than four hours after

the collisions traffic was stationary for eight miles on the westbound carriageway in freezing fog and ice. More than a dozen vehicles were in collisions in thick for between Boroughbridge and Dishforth on the A1 in North Yorkshire. There were no

Yorkshire. The serious injuries. Fog affected southern England, the Midlands, the North and East Anglia. South York-

shire suffered worst. Accident costs: Road accidents cost the nation £972m last year, with more road deaths, more serious injuries, and deaths, almost 340,000, was the

second

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lowest figure since



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Ban on benefits for firemen's families 'an error' 80p a week heating allowance It was also decided to set up By a Staff Reporter

Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, said last night that a men's families sent to local offices of the Department of Health and Social Security was incorrect and had been with-drawn It said that the strikers' families were not entitled to heating allowances.

Allegations have been made that the Government was using the department as a way of cutting benefit payments to the Gremen. Mr Orme said the circular should have made clear that the allowances could be Bren in exceptional circum-

As a result of his decision, an back to work.

will be given to Fireman George Warts, of Edmonton, north London, whose son suffers from lenkaema. He had been refused both the travel and heating allowance for his son, who has regular hospital treat-

Mr Orme, accompanied by Professor David Domisson, charman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, and Mr Eric Deckins, the Under Secretary of State responsible for social security, had a 90-minute meeting with representatives of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) hear complaints that the DESIGNATION egainst firemen to force mem

a lieison committee with members drawn from the Department of Health and the FBU. The committee which will start work immediately, is to examine "problems and anomalies" grising out of firemen's claims

Mr Daniel Riddell, a national official of the FBU, said his members would take a a lot of persuading that they were not being treated differently than other strikers. He had agreed to the joint talks, he said, so that "reasonable guidelines" could be drawn up.

He said that, because of the timing of the strike, firemen would be losing the tax rebate

of £35 for a married couple and £20 for a single person. He accepted that, as the law stood, firemen would be excluded from the Chancellor's recent tax con-cession; but said that Mr Orme would be seeking the advice of other ministers as to how that difficulty might be overcome. Mr Riddell said that since the

FBU had no strike fund, he hoped that ministry officials would no longer refuse any help to single people. Mr Orme said he had made his decision to show good faith in the meter of the heating allo-rances and because there were other points which needed

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executive last night decided to hold new meetings among its 30,000 full-time members in an general purposes committee not artempt to decide the next to risk any collision with the move in the five-week-old Government on the firemen's

tinue, at least until after the Christmas holiday, when the executive will reconvene to hear how members feel about prologing it after the impasse in negotiations on Monday.

The move to consult the members again came after an attempt by militants on the executive to widen the dispute. Proposals, which did not reach a vote, included picketing army installations housing firefight-

ing troops.
It was agreed to await reports on members' attitudes and to reconvene tomorrow week to decide the next step in the light

of the reports.

The FBU leaders were uncertain last night whether the results of meetings throughout the country's 63 brigades would differ from soundings taken last week on the same formula.

The fact that yesterday's meeting lasted more than five meeting asset more than five hours appeared to reflect the executive's uncertainty about how to pursue the dispute after Monday's cancellation of formal

Mr Terence Parry, general secretary of the firemen's union, will make a final attempt today to persuade TUC leaders to support his union's campaign against the 10 per

cent pay limit.

Firemen and other unionists are expected to demonstrate outside the TUC headquarters outside the 100 neadquarters in London during the general council meeting. Mr Parry will challenge the council's deci-sion to reject his request of

The Fire Brigades Union against his winning a change of executive last night decided to heart from the TUC after the decision of its finance and

The strike is certain to con-nue, at least until after the hristmas holiday, when the Winston Churchill, Lord George-Brown, Mr Grimond and Sir Ian Gilmour for the Forces in-volved with firefighting duties and other troops in Northern Ireland has proved "a runaway success", Mr Churchill said last night (a Staff Reporter writes).

writes). "We have received £71,000 so far, and money is flooding in at a rate of more than £15,000 a day", he said. "On Monday we were able to make a preliminary distribution of £51,485, and the appeal remains the and of the small." open to the end of the week." Gifts may be sent to SSAFA. 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London, WI, marked "Christmas appeal".

Blaze at Flats: Miss Victoria Levy, aged 81, died in a fire in a block of flats at St John's Wood, London, early yesterday. Miss Anne Wright, also 81, escaped down a rope from the fifth floor. She had a leg in plaster after hospital treatment for an injury in a fall.

A temporary naval fire base in Gloucestershire became the first in the country to be for-mally commissioned as one of her Majesty's "ships" yesterday. Two admirals were present for the ceremony when Bowbridge House, usually a Territorial Army base, became HMS

Bowbridge.
The idea of commissioning the base started as a joke among

High Court ruling on mining deals today

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor The High Court will give its decision today on a plea by mili-tant miners' leaders for a permanent injunction restraining their union from negotiating pit productivity deals.

Leaders of the Yorkshire,

South Wales and Kent coalfields last week failed to win an interim injunction preventing the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers from going ahead with its plan to allow individual areas to conclude local incentive schemes.

A secret pithead ballot last month narrowly rejected pit productivity schemes, but the moderate-dominated NUM executive voted to give individual coalfields the right to negotiate their own incentive arrangements.
Mr Justice Watkins will give

his decision today on an appli-cation for orders against the union's national officials, the executive and the South Derbyshire area restraining them from permitting any area to nego-tiate a local scheme.

Mr Arthur Scargill, left-wing leader of the Yorkshire miners,

said yesterday that the executive's decision to allow such deals would be put to a ballot of men in his, the largest, coal-Mr Scargill was defeated earlier when he proposed in a special NUM executive meeting that action should be taken if concede early retirement for all pit workers, including those who had not worked underground. The miners' leadership voted

the National Coal Board did not by 16 to 7 to carry on talking to the NCB on a proposal that will give early retirement from next April to all but about 350

the claim was supported by medical evidence there would be a good chance of accept-ance, he added. Of the 118 cases, 20 had been accepted for compensation, Mr Cater said. In 15 cases the had not been passed on and in 45 other cases nothing had been beard. Where the medi-cal panel had recommended acceptance the company had always accepted the children's

thalidomide.

He made the demand in a

meeting with Mr J. R. Cater,

chairman of Distillers, who said he would consider the proposal.

In such circumstances and when

claims.

Mr Ashley said afterwards:

"This is a disturbing situation in which the medical evidence in which the medical evidence. is not being passed on to Dis-tillers. I shall be discussing it with parents."

Tree theft alleged

An officer of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary has resigned and has been charged with stealing a Christmas tree in the Minehead district.

More 'spendthrift socialism must be paid for by working people'

Shadow Chancellor condemns wealth tax

البحاث كالمستنفذ فتعطفك فالخارج والهرج وفيلوني

By George Clark Political Correspondent

The Government's decision to go sheed with a wealth tax, the planning of which has already cost more than £4m, was condemned yesterday by Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Government's postponement of the measure in Novem-

ber, 1976, after promising in the 1974 general election manifestos that it would be introduced in the present Parliament, means that seven buildings intended for the Inland Revenue staft who were to administer the tax are empty or being allocated to other departments.

They are a new £2.5m building at Crownhill, Plymouth, and ased buildings at Derby, Solihull, Stockton (two), Stockport

The Property Services Agency, which manages the buildings, said yesterday that other uses have been found tor

all except one building at Stock-The agency is trying to find suitable tenants for those buildings, within the Civil Service. The Land Registry is to move into the Crownhill

in a parliamentary reply on December 16 last year Mr Davies, Minister of State at the Treasury, said staff planning for the wealth tax had cost about £1m and accommodation about £2m in capital and £600,000 in annual rent. The larest figures are not available. Inland Revenue plans were shelved when Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the tax would not be introduced in the life of

the present Parliament. The plan is to introduce the tax in the first session of the next Parliament if Labour wins the general election.

Sir Geoffrey said a wealth tax would be either crude or unjust, leaving loopholes for the

ingenious, or complex and unwieldy, with high collection costs and minimal revenue. "Such a tax would be gravely damaging in its effects on family businesses, on invest-

heritage. A small minority of people had assets of more than £100,000, the proposed starting point for the tax, he said but those owning less should not

sigh with relief. Those who are employed in family businesses may find themselves adding to the unemployment figures as a result of the tax. And those whose work is provided through private investment may find

emselves doing the same."

Mr John O. Lyle, chairman

of Tare and Lyle, said ATV's refusal to show a preview of the film, coupled with his com-

pany's own stated intention of taking legal action should the film libel it, had persuaded it

against taking part.
"Our dispute is on the moral

question of documentary truth ", he said.

not withdrawn its imputation that Mr Anthony Thomas, pro-ducer-director of the series, had

ATV said Tate and Lyle had

Yet more expensive socialism was on the way. "The money to pay for the renewed round spendthrift socialism, foreshadowed by the announcement of the wealth tax, will have to come from the pockets of

working people, and that means

Mr John Pardoe, MP for Cornwall, North, Liberal spokes man on Treasury affairs, said the Liberal Party had proposed ments, on employment, on savings and on the national a tax to replace most other forms of capital taxation, which he termed a hotchpotch. "We propose to abolish the

investment income surcharge, which is a wealth tax on productive wealth only, all the higher rates of income tax above 50 per cent, and long-term capital gains tax", he said. Wealth tax deplored: The Asso-

ciation of British Chambers of Commerce described the decision to introduce a wealth tax as deplorable. It said it would inhibit capital formation and deter invest-

ment and the consequent crea The decision conflicted with

the Government's declared intention to encourage and sup port small firms.

|File for DPP

case woman

The Director of Public

Prosecutions is to study the file

on Kalinda Chapman, the police

said yesterday, after her two

lovers had been jailed for life

for the murder of her husband.

The DPP has been given tran-

scripts of evidence on the case

described at Teesside Crown

Court as a story of callousness almost beyond belief, and will

decide if further action should

Mrs Chapman, aged 38, of

Staintondale Avenue, Dormans-town, who disclosed yesterday

that three windows of her home had been broken in an attack,

said after hearing the guilty verdict: "They can call me what they choose to call me, because I know I am innocent.

"I never had anything to do with it. I loved my husband too much, more than anybody will

ever know."

near Middlesborough.

on murder

Shares plot involved £163m, says Crown

Five men bekind a mukimillion pound shares fraud went to elaborate lengths to make the scheme seem legal. Mr Michael Worsley, opening the case for the Crown, said at committal proceedings against the five men, at Lambeth Magi. trates' Court, London, yesterday. The five were said to be the operators behind the £163m fraud.

Two women also face charges in connexion with an alleged fraud involving light aircraft Reporting restrictions were

lifted. Counsel said "the brains" behind the scheme were not in court. Two Italian lawyers and a businessman had not surrendered to bail. Pier Luigi Torri, described as one of the leaders of the plot, had been missing since a daring escape from

Thames Magistrates Court in Stepney, London. The defendants face a variety of charges, including conspiracy, forgery, attempted deception and aiding and abetting an escaper.
They are Anthony and Robert

Papalia, aged 32, who are twins ; Richard Washington Swinnerton, the only Briton charged; Veronique Vincenze Blor, Renée Harris, Umberto Frascati and Mario Berton. Mr Worsley said documents

had been found in the defendants' possession when they were arrested. Many of the documents were forged, be added. Others were to give an appearance of a legitimate business. He continued: The Papallas wanted to pocket the

money that would be flowing in from the sale of shares in a company called Metals Research and they wanted to retain an appearance of legality until substantial sums could be put into their own packets.

nockets.
They had to have auditors, managers and office juniors. They brought into being forced documents for bogus expenses so people would think they were genuine and so that in due course \$3m from the proceeds of the sale of the company would have found its way into the pockets of the brothers.

found its way into the pockets of the brothers.

Part of this elaborate scheme was furnishing an office and approaching Reuters for their monitoring service. It is all part of the careful planning of this fraud. It was all done for the eves of the auditors to make everything seem regular. The jury took three hours to reach their verdicts on John Wright, aged 20, of Tilbury Road, South Bank, and Alan Stoddart, aged 27, of Shakespeare Avenue, Grangetown, both Mr Worsley alleged that Mr Torri had falsely resigned from one of the fringe banks that had been set up allegedly to distribute the shares. In his place another man was named as director of the International The prosecution had alleged

that Mrs Chapman, "who en-snared every man with whom she came into contact", had set up her husband, Brian, aged 30, for the kill. Commerce Bank Ltd but "as far as this company is con-Mr Geoffrey Baker, QC, for he prosecution, said: "Both cerned he did not exist. His signature was forged on documents and none of the office staff had ever seen him, counsel

Mr Roger Frisby, for John years' imprisonment. He in wait on the sand dunes, Taylor, aged 28, of Violet pleaded guilty to possessing a Road, Bow, London, who fired firearm and robbing a post the gun, said Mr Taylor also office of £9,000.

It has been alleged that the plot was for Metal Research to issue 25m \$1 shares which would be sold for \$12 each. would get a return of \$346 on each share.

A brochure was printed in

four languages saving that the company owned a site in Canada that contained 891 million tons of gold, silver, platinum and other ores and minerals, valued at £155,226,000. The brochure

at £155,226,000. The brochure alleged that the site was "one of the largest reserves of precious metals in the world".

Mr Anthony Wilkinson, a bank manager, said he had incorporated the International Commerce Bank. There were generally three reasons for incorporating an off-shore bank; legitimate avoidance of tax; legitimate banking activity, and fraud.

The hearing continues today.

the 18 member of the Fleet Air Arm from Culdrose, Cornwall who are stationed at Stroud for emergency firefighting duties.

the United States suggest that policemen are in many cases worse witnesses and observers than civilians, despite their

careful training. They tend to see things that have not actually happened.", Dr John Nitholson, a psycholo-gist at Bedford College, Lon-don, said in an interview at the British Psychological Society conference in London yester-

day.
Studies at the Cambridge
University Applied Psychology
Unit showed that when civilians and police were shown a film of a street scene from which they were asked to detect crimes, such as theft, the police

Psychologist doubts police observation offences, but they made more allegations.

In a New York study, a film clip was shown in which a man turned down the protective netting on a pram with a beby inside. Civilians and police related what they had seen immediately afterwards and a mediately afterwards and a

The police remembered more appearance, but a week later they reported twice as many incorrect facts. One policeman in five said he had seen the man reach into the pram and take the haby. take the baby.

In another study, civilians no better than the sand police were shown a film

Recent studies in Britain and civilians at noticing actual of, for example, a man carrying a can. Civilians assumed that he had run out of petrol, but most of the policemen assumed that he was an arsonist.

"All in all, it looks as if the police are a little better at perceiving and remembering events and people than the rest of us". Dr Nicholson says in a book, Habits, published re-

Police were paid to have sus-pictous minds, but he found it disturbing that the testimony they gave in court, weeks after they had seen a crime being committed, was likely to be even less reliable than similar evidence from a member of the

Thalidomide | Tate and Lyle to stay cash may away from TV talk be extended By Kenneth Gosling raised by the three-part series. By Annabel Ferriman Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP

Tate and Lyle, the sugar refiners, will not take part in a discussion programme after tonight's screening of the third programme in the ATV series for Stoke-on-Trent, South, called on the Distillers Company yesterday to accept responsibility, where a prima facie case exists, for children on the Y list of 118 cases in The South African Experience.

The South African Experience.

The company said last night that its "entirely reasonable request" to see a preview of the final programme, Working for Britain, which shows African employees on a sugar estate formerly controlled by Tate and Lyle in Natal, had been refused, which it has not been agreed that damage was caused by as had a request for a transcript.

On Monday a High Court On Monday a High Court judge lifted an injunction obtained by Tate and Lyle, stopping the showing of the film. Tate and Lyle says it gives a distorted view, but yesterday ATV announced that the programme would be shown on the independent personner. independent network at 9

uncer-carector of the series, had "rigged" interviews with African employees. None of the allegations that ATV was pro-posing to show a programme containing "grossly distorted statements" had been substan-

No big changes in the programme were planned, but "points of emphasis" had been

Robber praises brave police The bravery of two police officers who continued chasing an armed robber after he had fired a sawn-off shotgun at

at Ten.

them was praised by Judge Marnan, QC, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. He said the actions of Det Ser-geant Terence Knight from Romford, and Det Constable Peter Edmonds from Scotland Yard's stolen car squad, deserved the highest possible

He boped their actions would be rewarded by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and he recom-mended that their names should go forward for possible decoration.

By Our Political Staff
Mr Nicholas Scott, Conservative MP for Kensington and
Chelsea and a former Parliamentary Under-Secretary for

wished to pay tribute to the police officers who kept on going for him after he had fired the shot.

Mr Taylor, who pleaded guilty to using a shotgun, having a firearm with intent, robbing a post office of £9,000 and stealing a car for that robbery, was sentenced to 12 bery, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment. He was given a 10-year sentence, to run concurrently, after he had been found guilty of a f35,000 robbery at an Upminster jewellers. A plea of not guilty to attempting to murder the police officers was accepted.

Michael McGrouty, aged 38, of Canterbury Terrace, Kilburn, London, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. He is Mr Geoffrey Baker, QC, for the prosecution, said: "Both these accused were her lovers and were totally under her spell. They would go to any length to satisfy her desires, even murder."

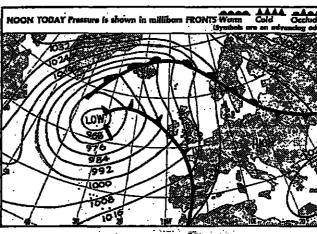
She arranged to meet her husband for a stroll on the beach, where her two lovers lay in wait on the sand dunes.

MP heads Tory drive to aid young jobless

ling of unemployment under the Labour Government presented an immense economic in two serious respects: it and social challenge. "It is not a problem that will be solved easily or quickly, but it is essential that our society looks same young people who need them; and it has failed to supply the tial that our society looks same young people, as well as carefully and imaginatively at the problem and its possible selves stable work, with the solutions."

Mr Scott is a deputy chair-

Mr Scott is a deputy chair-man of Youthaid, an organiza-tion concerned with finding the kabour market in the fore-employment for young people.



Today Sun rises : 8.4 am Sunt sets: 3.54 pm 8.4 am 3.54 pm

Moon sett: Moon rises:
3.48 am
1.48 pm

Full moon: December 25.
Lighting up: 4.24 pm to 7.34 am
High water: London Bridge, 10.41
am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 11.22 pm, 6.7m
(21.8ft). Avonmonth, 3.54 am,
10.8m (35.3ft); 4.29 pm, 11.2m
(35.7ft). Dover, 7.54 am, 5.8m
(18.9ft); 8.37 pm, 5.8m (18.9ft).
Holl, 2.42 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 3.25
pm, 6.2m (20.5ft). Liverpool, 8.22
am, 7.9m (25.9ft); 8.42 pm, 8.1m
(26.4ft).

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, East Anglis, E Mid-lands, SE, E and central N lands, SE, B and central N
Engand: Early mist or fog patches
chiefly over hills, clearing, bright
or sunty intervals but a little rain
later; what SE, light, veering S,
moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F).
W Midlands, N Wales, central
S and NW England, Northern

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, doud; f, fair;

S or SW, fresh; max temp 11°C (S2°F).

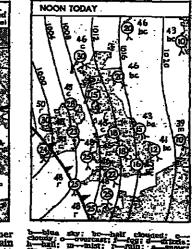
Lake District, Argyll, SW and NW Scotland: Rather cloudy at times, hill fog parches, rain later; wind SE, moderate or fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Borders, NE England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Fog patches, dense in places of first, clearing, bright or sunny intervals, perhaps little rain later; wind SE, light, increasing moderate; max temp 6°C (43°F), frost in maces at

6°C (43°F), frost in places at first. Moray Firth, Aberdeen NE Scotland: A few fog patches early, dry with sunay intervals; wind S. light or moderate; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Orkney, Shenland: Mostly dry, bright or many intervals; wind Firth, Aberdeen NE

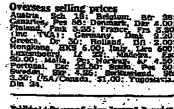
bright or sunny intervals; wind S, light or moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).



rain at times, chiefly in N and W; mild in most places. W; mild in most places.
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Stratt of Dover: Wind, S or SE,
fresh; sea moderage.
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or SE, fresh, becoming strong;
sea moderage, becoming rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind SE, strong, perhaps gale
later; sea rough, becoming very
rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8°C (46°F): min, 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 80 per capt. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01hr. San, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01hr. San, 24hr to 6 pm, 1021.8 mBRbars, steady. 1,000 mailthurs = 29.53in.



"I think it's a good idea to out these panels out and pin them up somewhere to remind you of what's happening." Post Office Telecommunications Were here to helpyou

Buzby's helpful hints on festive phone calls

and telegrams to nearest and dearest

the holiday."

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To addresses in

England, Wales

N. Ireland, Isle of Man and

To addresses in

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Channel Isles

To addresses in Dec 25 England, Wales,

To addresses in Jan 1

in Scotland) a lot of the operators will be

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need from Directory Enquiries well before

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Talegrams to be delivered on days when there is a Public Holiday or Sunday service must be handed in by

For telegrams to the Irish Republic please check with the telegram operator.

Inland Telegrams can be accepted by telephone at any time during the holiday but delivery will be limited

Dec 26 | Dec 27

Death

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Public Holiday

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Jan 3

Normal Service (Isle of Man

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with their families and services will be

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"I'm phoning all the people I'm not

Merry Christmas and a Happy-New Year.

However, I'm going to bear in mind

that on Christmas Day (New Year's Day

Telephone calls within UK and Isle of Man And to the Irish republic and Chammel Islands

Cheap Rate for all calls

*Operators on duty on Christmas Day (New Year's Day in Scotland) will deal with 999 calls and

calls to places which cannot normally be dialled, including transfer charge calls from comboxes to such

places. Except in cases of emergency or distress they cannot deel with any other kind of call or enquiry.

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After all, it's Cheap Rate on Christmas

Day, Boxing Day (except in Scotland),

and New Year's Day

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Christmas | Cheap Rate for all calls

New Year's Cheap Rate for all calls

Employment, has been asked by Mr Prior, chief opposition spokesman on employment, to have responsibility for the Conservative Party's response to unemployment among young people. it was announced yesterday. Mr Prior said that the doub-Judge gives man

four years for stealing £60

Mr Justice Lawson, who last week aroused protest when he sentenced an army deserter to 12 months' jail for the manslaughter of a policeman's son, yesterday jailed a man for four years for steading £60 from a petrol stanion.

He told Michael Moss, aged 32, at Winchester Crown Court, that robbenes at filling stations, which were kept open late for the convenience of motorists, were far too common.

The prosecution said that Mr Moss, father of three children, of Walpole Road, Winchester, threatened an attendant with an airgun, saying: "Give us all the money in the till. Any felse move and you will get it."

Petition saves PC

A six-month jail sentence on Police Constable Brian Hignett for stealing cash given him for a firearm certificate and to pay a fine was suspended for two years on appeal at Preston Crown Court, Lancashire, yesterday after a perition containing 1,500 names from viblagers at Euxton pleading for clemency had been presented.

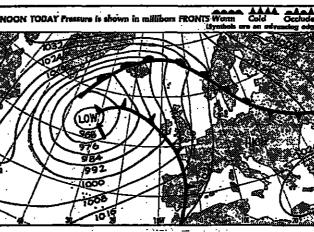
Defence jobs for Wales

The Government is going shead with its plan to transfer 5,000 Ministry of Defence jobs from London to Cardiff. Mr Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday con-firmed a compulsory purchase order for land at St Mellons, near Cardiff, for new offices.

Telephone threat

Unless a dispute at interna-tional telephone exchange in London is resolved there will be no calls to Africa from 11 pm on Christmas Eve until 8 am on Boxing Day, the Post Office said yesterday.

Weather forecast and recordings



Irleand; Isle of Man: Rather cloudy, hill fog patches, rain spreading from SW; wind SE or S, moderate or fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

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Lancashire Chief Constable, 'unworthy 1. says to hold high office', is dismissed

Lancashire Police committee, which yesterday dismissed its drief constable, Mr Stanley Part, is to consider allegations involving other officers in the 3,000 strong force next year.

Councillor Frank Lofthouse, the chostwar, after he had encounced that Mr Parr, aged 60, a poinceman for 40 years, a wartime naval officer, a CEE and a deputy lieutenant of Lancesbare, had been dismissed. after 24 charges of discredis-able conduct and two of false-hood under police discipline regulations had been found

proved by a tribunal.

A total of 37 disciplinary charges were considered by the tribunal headed by Mr Patrick genetr. QC, who, after referring to Mr Patr's previous become the referring to the party of the provious become the referring to the party of the provious become the referring to the party of the provious become the referring to the provious that the provious t honourable record, stated : Mereribeless, it has been my dary,

The case against Mr Parr began in July, 1976, when a Blackpool officer, Det Sergeant

Harry Roby, made a formal complaint to an inspector of constability during a routine annual inspection of the Lanca-

annual inspection of the Lancashire force.

The following September
Lancashire Police Committee
asked Sir Douglas Osmond,
Chief Constable of Hampshire,
to conduct an inquiry into "cerrain matters within the personal
jurisdiction of the chief constable."

Sir Douglas and a small team

of officers from his own force spent about two months on the inquiry and a report went to County Hall, Preston, early in

January, a copy having earlier been sent to the Director of

Public Prosecutions.

To the chagrin of Mr Frank

Lothouse, chairman of the police committee, full details of its contents appeared in the Lancashire Evening Post on February 25 in spite of steps having been taken to keep the matter out of the public even

matter out of the public eye. That report, later repeated in number of national news-

papers, disclosed that Sir Douglas had found evidence of

a case in which a man was accused of possessing firearms

with intent to endanger life, and in which Mr Parr inter-

vened to suggest that the charge should be reduced to one of breach of the peace.

Other matters referred to in-cluded allegations that Mr Parr

hausful though it is, to find that he used the powers of his posi-tion to show favour to others and quale improper use of police vehicles and drivers. vehicles and drivers.

He was responsible for falsification of records. This conduct has
had a very damaging effect upon
the morale and discipline of the
force he commanded and has
brought discredit to that force.

I do not think that Mr Parr was
worthy to hold the high office
that he did. I feet that nothing
abort of dismissal from the force
could be regarded as adequate
punishment for the charges I have
found proved.

Mr Parr has three weeks in which to appeal to the Home Secretary. He said last night that he would do so. Until then no moves will be made to appoint a permanent successor, Mr Lofthouse said yesterday. The force, which until the last round of local government reorganization was the biggest outside London, has immoded by its deputy

Mr Parr: Three weeks in

Sir Douglas's report, according to the unauthorized but fac-tually unchallenged disclo-sures in the Lancashire Evening

Post, made references to Mr

Parr's close connexions with

Blackpool, where he was chief constable of the small local

force before a reorganization drew him into the expanded

while others were fined.

were only cautioned

which to appeal.

found proved.

Detective's complaint led to inquiry

chief, Mr John Moody, since Douglas Osmond that was not Mr Parr was suspended on full referred to Mr Patrick pay in March this year.

Douglas Osmond that was not referred to Mr Patrick Bennett's tribunal concerned a Mr Lofthouse said action against other officers in the force had not been considered during yesterday's three-hour meeting but references to

other matters that had been made in an earlier report by Sir Douglas Osmood, Chief Constable of Hampshire, after an inquiry into Mr Part's behaviour, would have to be considered by his committee next year. He saw no reason, however, why any serving officers of the Lancastine Constabulary should at this stage want to resign.

He thought the Home Secre-tary would refer any matters arising out of the tribunal re-port to the Director of Public Prosecutions if he thought it to one of the matters referred

careless driving. His case was

dismissed by magistrates.
Sir Douglas also drew attention to police charity dinners organized by Mr Parr and involving police manpower. His report said: "Even should the complaint be capable of a complete enswer by the chief constable it is not superising that

stable, it is not surprising that it has been made, for whatever

After serving as chief con-stable of the independent Black-pool county borough force he was absorbed into an expanded

Mr Varley, Secretary of State

Bennett's tributal concerned a fatal accident near Blackpool in 1975 when a car driven by a girl of 20 mounted a pavement and killed two young mothers. The driver of the car was charged only with careless driving and acquitted. Several want that matter reopened.

Mr. Parr declined an invite

Mr Part declined an invitation to attend yesterday's meeting of the police committee. Mr Michael Maguire, QC, his senior legal adviser, was away agoear-ing in a local murder trial but Mr James Wilde, Mr Parr's Mr James Wilde, Mr Parr's solicitor, and junior counsel were present. They unsuccessfully applied for a decision to be postponed until January 6.

The full report of the tribunal, issued to reporters yes-terday, showed that 29 of the original 37 charges related to the misuse of police drivers and of two police cars, a Jaguar and a Vanxhall, with which Mr Parr was issued to carry out his official duties.

Some of the charges proved showed that Mr Parr used the Jaguar and a police driver to take him and his family to Manchester airport en route for a holidays in Torremolinos, Spain, in 1975 and 1976 and collect them on return; that he drove the Jaguar to visit his son in Bristol; that he used a police cer to attend Rotary lunches in Blackpool and to take his wife shopping there.

One of the charges of false-hood proved by the tribunal stated that he instructed a police driver who had noted a speedometer discrepancy to book milage on the Vauxhall car down to visits to various divisions when Mr Parr had, in fact, used the car to drive to Luton airport for a holiday in

it has been made, for whatever happens the story as a whole indicates a lack of judgment on the part of the chief constable, a failure to communicate, and a lack of concern at the impression he was creating, all of which are most unusual in a senior police officer."

A formight before the hearing of the disciplinary charges began on October 17 Mr Parr applied to retire the was 60 in began on October 17 Mr Parr applied to retire (he was 60 in july) bur his request was refused. He had been suspended on his full pay of £13,500 a year since March last. Mr Parr, the son of a policeman, began his career as a constable on the beat, and was in charge of the Lancashire force of three thousand men for five years until his suspension early this year.

After serving as chief con-Other charges related to his baving arranged bail for a Blackpool man who had been charged with malicious wounding and who should have been detained in custody overnight because of the nature of the charge; and of arranging for a driving prosecution to be driving prosecution to be dropped against a young man who had said his father was "on holiday in Tenerife with Stanley Parr". No sense of disgrace: Mr Parr

in a television interview last night called the tribunal's findings nonsense. He said they did not really surprise

He did not feel any sense of disgrace. "I have not done anything criminal" he added. He also said he was sad that he had received no encourage-



A turn-up for the gulls during winter ploughing at the Preshaw Estate, near Southampton.

Food firms oppose rapid rise in farm prices

Food companies said yesterday that they opposed any rapid rise in farm prices and incomes of the type sought by the Conservatives. A Commons motion by Mr John Peyton, chief spokesman on farming and food, urges an early 7½ per cent devaluation of the green pound. It would raise food prices by almost 2p in the pound.

The companies said through incomes after the near-record harvest."

The Food and Drink Industry and its council said it wanted the anomalies arising from the existence of the green pound to be eliminated gradually.

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at would raise food prices by almost 2p in the pound.

The companies said through their leading trade associations that there was no case for such a large rise. Mr Cyril Coffin, director-general of the Food Manufacturers' Federation, saw "no evidence that United Kingdom farmers generally redirector-general of the Food

Manufacturers' Federation, saw
"no evidence that United Kingdom farmers generally are
likely to cut back production or
need an increase in their is falling now.

incomes after the near-record

"But they see no point in governments encouraging farmers to grow products that cannot be sold."

Bird lovers protest at island mink farm plan From Ronald Faux

Kirkwali

Mr George Drever's efforts to return with his family to the island of Westray, Orkney, where he was born, have provoked a public inquiry and strong protests from conservation groups
Mr Drever, aged 36, wants
to build a mink farm on the
island, which is Britain's

second most important site for cliff-nesting sea birds. The mink is an agile and tenacious killer, which, the conserva-tionists say, would decimate the island's bird population should a breeding pair escape. Mr Drever, who works at a fish-processing factory on

fish-processing factory on Westray, was given permission to build his mink farm by Orkney Islands Council after giving assurances that extra precautions would make the beldings escape-proof. Yesterday, after protests from the Nature Conservancy Council, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and other conservation groups, Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, announced that a local public inquiry would be held.

For Mr Drever the issue is not the hazards of mink farm-

not the hazards of mink farm-ing but the difficulty of earning a living on a remote Orkney

"My father was postmaster here but the whole family left when I was a boy so that my brother and I would have a better chance", he said. "I am very fond of the island and went to bring up my two sons here. The farm would mean jobs where they are badly needed.".

Mr Drever admits that he has no practical experience of farming mink but is prepared to spend 55,000 on the project. He .says his farm and the project. He says his farm will have nigh mesh fences dug deep into

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the ground and other security
measures beyond those
demanded by law.

Mr Frank Hamilton, Scottish
director of the RSPB, was
worried, however.

An assessed breading mir An escaped breeding pair would spread to neighbouring islands, preving on Arctic terns, harriers, merlin falcons and short-eared owls, he said.

Jubilee fund's £13.5m

The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal which closes in April, has raised £13.5m in eight months, Of that sum, £7.2m has been received and the rest will be payments under covenant or pledge.

In brief Journalists go back to work

London-based employed by Westminster Press, who supped work in connexion with the strike by 106 Darlington-based members of the National Union of Journalists, recurred to work yesterday morning (our Labour Reporter writes).

But the strike committee in Darlington, meeting yesterday, remained adament that the strike, which has lasted more than six months, would con-tinue. A meeting with management is likely soon, but no one is optimistic about an early

Murder charge

Robin Daniels, aged 32, a taxi driver, of Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, was remanded in custody until December 29 by magistrares at Guildford yester-day, charged with the murder of Brian Vaughan, aged 19, of the 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, who died from stab wounds early yesterday.

Bail for doctor

Dr Nanda Kumar, aged 51, of Stepping Hill Hospital, Stock-port. Greater Manchester, was granted ball of £50 by a judge in chambers at Manchester Crown Court yesterday. He is to appeal today against a sixmonth joil sentence for inde-cently assaulting a girl of 13.

U S mail delayed Surface mail affected by a

dock strike in America will not reach Britain in time for Christmas, the Post Office said vesterday. No surface mail has been received from the United States since the two-month strike ended on November 29.

Probation for incitement Harry Baskind, aged 56, of Leeds, who was convicted in July of inciting a detective, posing as a professional killer, to murder his wife, was placed on probation for three years at Europeans at Europea who was convicted in

Islanders win order

Families living on houseboars ar Tagg's Island in the Thames yesterday won a High Court order lassing to tomorrow scopping Richmond council from closing the only bridge to the river bank.

Liftmen to go back

A two-month-long strike of 240 lift and escalator men on Merseyside was called off yesterday when they voted to return to work this morning.

'Odious task' of judge in jailing wife-killers

Two mentally ill men who bility. His plea of not guilty to By Our I killed their wives were given murder was accepted.

Mr Var prison terms at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after Mr Justice Melford Stevenson had been told that there was no suitable hospital accommodation for them. The judge spoke of the odious task he had in sending the men to prison for long

Jailing one man for 10 years and the other for seven, he said: "I hope at least these coses will serve a useful purpose by drawing public attention to that melancholy fact."

Ronald Gadson, aged 43, a after bospital treatment of docker, of Lathom Road, East about two years he thought Mr Ham, London, admitted the Perkins would be able to return manslaughter of his wife, Beryl, to normal life. The kind of aged 37, on May 20, on the accompround of diminished responsi- exist.

was absorbed into an expanded Lancashire Constabulary in an interim reorganization. He became Chief Constable of Lancashire when the force was again reduced in size after the 1974 local government reorganization which put many of the old county boroughs into the new Greater Manchester Council. Lancashire Constabulary. One of the most serious cases referred to in Sir Douglas Osmond's report involved a cluded allegations that Mr Parr motorist who was about to be 2210 had intervened in cases involving motorists stopped for speeding in radar traps, some of eventually accused only of cil. Unions to give PO board names this week

> Dr Arumugam Palam said Mr for Industry, later this week will receive union nominations for Gadson was mentally ill. He needed treatment in a psychiatric hospital under secure conditions, but there was no suitable accommodation places on the main board of the Post Office, which is being reconstituted in a two-year experi-ment in industrial democracy.
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> The unions are being allo-In the second case, Cleveland Perkins, aged 42, unemployed, of Hubert Grove, Brixton, pleaded not guilty to the murderof his wife, Daphne, aged 40, on May 24, but grilly to her manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility; that plea was accepted.
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> Dr Henry Oakeley said that after heavital treatment of In the second case, Cleveland cared seven seats. It is not clear whether they will all be taken up by the due date, January 1, because of difficulties still outstanding on the regional boards. The main difficulty is on the

> five regional telecommunica-tions boards. The Civil and Public Services Association, which has 30,900 members in telecommunications, wants two nominations on each board but accommodation required did not has been offered one. The Union of Post Office Workers, the second biggest union in the telecommunications side of the Post Office, has been offered two seats. So has the Post Office Engineering Union, the biggest union. telecommunication

> > Birching: judge invited to IoM

The mine judges who will try the Isle of Man's birching laws in the European Court of Human Rights have been asked to go to the island to see how birching works. The Manx authorities believe that that would swing the case in their favour. The Manx Government said

The Manx Government said yesterday that it was inlikely that the judges would make a decision immediately after the hearing which starts in Strasbourg on January 17. They had been invited to visit the Isle of Man before deciding on their final verdict.

Three accused of robbery plot

Two security guards charged in connexion with a £820,000 robbery at Heathrow were remanded in custody by magisremainded in custory by maga-trates at Staines yesterday. They are John William Car-dorka, aged 31, of Ocean Street, Stepney, and Ronad Henry Price, aged 32, of Jellicoe Way,

Braintree.
Another man, Robert Gold-stein, aged 67, of Bulwer Court, Leyton, wasreleased on bail. All were charged with conspiring to rob Brinks-Mat Ltd, last March

£5,371 rates unpaid Gerald Howard, of Victoria Terrace, Hove, Sussex, former director of Local Aid, a Sussex charity, was jailed for 82 days by magistrates at Brighton yesterday for non-payment of E5.371 rates on the charity's offices and shops.

Treach death A workman was killed yesterday when a trench collapsed on him in Upper Halling, near Rochester, ident.

financial level-pegging

A vear of artistic enterprise was beset by administrative and financial uncertainty, the Scottish Arts Council says in its annual report.

It gave a warning that it has a difficult choice: whether to try to sustain all clients at existing levels of activity, refusing new activities and studying enterprise; or stulifying enterprise; or finance a few new activities at the expense of existing ones.

"From recent pronounce-ments and long-term estimates it is now clear that the council can expect no increase in its allocation in real terms for the next few years. The implications of 'level-

pegging in real terms' are serious and sobering. First, the assumptions on which such a guideline is based presumably mean that government allocations to the arts will keep pace with the rate of inflation in the arts in commission. in the arts, not in some inap-propriate index.

Second, grants from the Government or the council are only part of the total income-expenditure equation of client organizations, so even if these grants retain their value in real terms, artistic organizations will remain viable only if income from box-office earn-

value in real terms. There is evidence that this is not so." There was a clear impli-cation that no one has the ever, nor could anyone always expect to expand.
The council would continue

to do its utmost to support what it believed to be valuable and worth while, "but the day of the extravagant gesture and forgiven second mistake is

Grants totalling £4,300,000 were made to 625 arts organizations and individuals last year; the council's basic grant was £4,320,000, up by 39.4 per cent against the present year's increase of only 14.6 per cent. Scotland's slice of the British cake, the report says, was 12 per cent; according to population Scotland would be entitled to 9.7 per cent.

£30,000 for Scots production The Glasgow-based Scottish Amicable Life Assurance

The Glasgow-based Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society amounced yesterday that it is giving £30,000 for the sponsorship of a new production by Scottish Opera, The Bartered Bride, which is to have its premiere at the Theatre Royal on February 8.

Scottish Arts Council faces | Many jailed for customs offences By Maurice Corina ered everything from textiles, were 1,426 cases in the previous

the Department of Customs and Excise to cope with a continu-ing increase in smuggling, drug offences, illegal currency movements and value-added tax "fiddles" are putting an average of eight people in prison every week. More than 400 people every week appear in court on criminal charges.

Those figures emerged yester-

day with publication of the annual report of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise. Exchange control currency offences alone involved 4,478 people in criminal proceedings in the year ended March 31 last, nearly matching the property nearly matching the number taken to court for failing to fur-nish VAT returns. Smuggling, however, still tops

the league table for offences, with 10,898 persons brought in before courts in the 12 months to March for evading duties. A total of 384 people were jailed out of 708 subject to drug-related criminal proceedings. related criminal proceedings. There were 1,535 seizures of drugs such as cannabis, cocaine, and heroin, with an estimated street value of £13.8m.

Detections of smuggled jewelry, gem stones and objets d'art are reported to be continport licensing regulations covgold coins, to potatoes, pottery, and skins restricted for conser-370,000lb of Rhodesian robacco was intercepted.

Fifty-five people were in court for contravening the laws on indecent or obscene articles and harmful publications. The year's haul included 158,750 books, magazines and comics, 3,400 films, and 6,800 other

Last year's decline in the value of the pound sterling pro-vided "a continuing incentive" to smuggle money out of the country, largely for buying foreign property or securities, or for deposit in foreign bank accounts. Currency seizures totalled 4.478, and officers, now checking travellers on a selective beginning to the country of tive basis, are maintaining a close liaison with the Treasury to bring joint charges under the Customs and Excise Act, 1952, and the Exchange Control Act

Besides many seizures of goods undervalued in declara-tions when imported, the cus-toms have also dealt with cases of exports, such as ferrous scrap, which breached various prohibitions.

VAT prosecutions remain

high, largely through failures uing on a large scale. Goods to make returns. All but five seized for contravention of imcessful in the past year. There

vation reasons. More than actions were brought to recover unpaid or disputed duties and makes, a big rise of 1,200 on a year before. In addition 269 bankruptcy petitions and 4.11 winding-up petitions were presented. Goods seized under separate

forfeiture regulations as impra-perly imported included 3,597 proof gallons of spirits, 1,795 watches, and 4,475 kg of drugs All that enforcement work and more routine administra-tion pushed up the cost of customs and extise services to £191.4m against £174.2m a year before. That represents about 1.76p for every £1 of cet

revenue.

The net receipts of the Custons and Excise Department in the year ended March 31, were £10,886.4m, up by more than £1.6m, or 17.7 per cent, and representing a third of central government taxation.

A long het computer crime.

A long, hot summer stimu-lated the volume of beer con-sumption to a level higher than in any year since the First World War and changes in the world war and changes in the tax structure for tobacco stimulated sales of king-size cigurettes in a way that contributed to increased overall coasumption of tubacco.

68th Report of hM Customs and Excise (Cmad 7050, Stationery Office; 53.15).



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Social trends, 2: Changes in wealth, income and expenditure Tax on rich would net only 105,000 adults

Labour Party proposals to to affect more than two or and land (4 per cent).

three adults in a thousand. The latest volume of Social Trends, produced by the Central Statistical Office, shows that about 105,000 people, or only 0.25 per cent of the adult population, have assets of more than £100,000, the proposed starting level of the tax. The distribution of personal

marketable wealth is very much less than that of personal income, Social Trends states. In 1975 the wealthiest 5 per cent of the population owned between a third and half of the country's wealth, estimated at £190,300m. Their share amounted to between £63,000m and £95,000m. But the trend is

The proportion of wealth owned by the richest 5 per cent has been falling since most extreme estimate puts the proportion at 64 per cent in 1961, 59 per cent in 1966, 53 per cent in 1971 and 51 per cent in 1974. The figures show that by far the largest part of Britain's wealth was in dwelling (43 per

cent), followed by life policies (45 per cent), building society deposits (7.5 per cent), listed introduce a wealth tax, published yesterday, are unlikely ordinary shares (5.4 per cent)

hTe increasing amount taken from incomes by tax and inflation is dramatically illustrated. The figures show, for example, that the pay of the bottom 25 per cent of male manual workers, after allowing for all deductions, increased between 1970 and 1976 by only £2 a week from £18 to £20 (at 1970 prices). For the top quarter it increased from £25 to £27 a

The largest percentage increase in "take home" pay for the population as a whole was in 1972, when it rose by almost 8 per cent. The change was much greater than in 1974 or 1975, the years of the biggest increases in gross pay. Real disposable income rose by only 2 per cent in 1974 and fell slightly in 1975.

The average gross weekly earnings of manual workers rose from E27 in 1970 to £65 in 1976; non-manual workers' pay rose from £36 to £82 in the same period. Income from rent, dividends and net interest fell as a pro-

portion of total income from on sugar, preserves and con-11.4 per cent in 1966 to 9 per fectionary rose, cent a decade later. Income There was a from social security benefits increase in rose in the same period from 7.7 to 9.5 per cent.

The proportion left for spending in the same decade fell from 74 per cent to 64 per cent but the proportion of in-come paid in taxes rose from 12 per cent to 16 per cent. National insurance contributions rose from 5.7 per cent to 7.6 per cent.

The figures illustrate the poverty trap, the point at which any increase in pay for low-wage earners is wiped out by a reduction in benefits. In some cases the worker even loses a

Over the range of armings from £32 to £44 a week, for xample, for a married couple with two children and the wife not working, there could be no benefit from a rise or the family could even lose. Between £44 and £60, the family could still gain less than 50p a week for every extra pound earned.

Spending patterns on food between 1970 and 1976 showed a distinctly unhealthy trend. Spending on meat, fish, bread and cereals fell, and spending

There was a 40 per cent increase in spending on alcohol, a 27 per cent rise on beverages, but a 2 per cent drop on tobacco spending. A 76 per cent increase in

spending on radio and electrical goods between 1970 and 1974 was mainly due to sales of colour television sets. Last year, for the first time, there were more colour sets sold than black-and-white and now there are 10 million colour sets and eight million black-and-white. The money spent on renting

television sets between 1970 and 1976 more than doubled, while spending on admission to cinemas , theatres or spectator sports rose by only 15 per cent Although spending on maga zines and newspapers in that period dropped by 12 per cent the United Kingdom still bought more newspapers than

Japan. Great Britain had fewer households (53 per cent) own-ing cars than Italy and Belgium (both 68 per cent), France (65 per cent), Holland (63 per cent) and West Germany (61 per

almost any other country excep

Next: Health

WEST EUROPE_

French Prime Minister says his country's economic crisis will take at least two years to solve

Paris, Dec 20 M Barre, the French Prime would take at least two more years to put the French economy on a firm basis. Speaking at a financial and economic press lunch, he said that 1978 would be a crucial

year: "Either we respect the necessary collective disciplines, or we surrender to weakness and illusions and slide rapidly towards decline." The Prime Minister advised those who condemned his policy as " austerity " to " look at what

was happening in Britain, Sweden and Portugal". It was necessary, he said, to renounce weakness. "That is what the Government has under-taken to do. The first results are encouraging, but they could be rapidly undermined if the

ffort is not maintained. Taking stock of the policy he has pursued in the past 15 months, M Barre said that its objective had been to pur a stop to dangerous developments. "We have gradually restored the necessary conditions for our the necessary condit country to emerge from the crisis instead of continuing to sink deeper into it."

The Government was determined to avoid a recession. he

Canada

supplies

to resume

of uranium

will resume immediately under an agreement approved here

today by foreign ministers of the Community.

Normally, EEC countries im-

port about 2,500 tonnes of transium a year from Canada, about a third of their total needs. Both Britain and West

Germany have in recent years met about half their require-

ments from Canadian imports, and the British have had to

dig deep into their strategic stockpiles because of the

embargo. Tentative agreement on re-

sumption of deliveries was reached earlier this month be-

tween Dr Guido Brunner, the Commissioner for energy policy,

and Mr Don Jamiesson, the Canadian Minister for External

From Michael Hornsby

Private investments would rise by 1.3 per cent in spite of economic and political uncertain-ties. In 1974, they had fallen by 1.1 per cent and in 1975 by 12 per cent. The increase in unimployment had been checked and then reversed.

The Prime Minister dwelt at length on his efforts to check inflation. They have been criticized not only by the Opposition, but also by his own

He said that after the price freeze of the last quarter of 1976, the Government had decided in 1977 nor to pursue a posicy of price indexes" at the risk of less satisfactory short term results. It preferred to act on the factors determining higher prices rather than on the prices themselves.

"A low price index is not a good index if it is due to artificial methods, while a high price index can be a good one. if it means putting the record straight in a context where the main factors of inflation are controlled", Mr Barre said.

He added that it took time to reduce prices without resort-

The Pope spoke of children and violence today in a message

to mark the international day

to mark the international day of peace on January 1. He said children were the most vulnerable section of society in regard to violence, "but they are likewise the hope of tomorrow".

In his message the Pope told children to beware of the "harmful vanity" of wanting to appear stronger than their

appear stronger than their brothers and sisters and friends

by quarrelling, fighting and giving way to anger and

revenge.

He added: "If you want to be

he added: "If you want to be strong be so in spirit and in behaviour. Learn to control yourselves: learn how to forgive and quickly make friends again with those who have offended you. In this way you will really be Christians."

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From Peter Nichols

Rome, Dec 20

Paris, Dec 20

The gross domestic product rate of inflation in France lay
M Barre, the French Prime would increase in 1977 by 3 per in wage restraints and these
Minister, said today that it cent, as in West Germany. had been achieved.

called the "external front", the reduced by half in a year, the franc had remained stable in 17,000 francs.

had four main policy objectives

"The essential quality of an

On what the Prime Minister

balance of payments had been relation to 19 leading currencies and the foreign exchange reserves had increased by He said that the Covernment

for the next two years: to strengthen the trade balance and the stability of the franc; to return to full employment; to obtain lasting wage restraints and reduced production costs; and to strengthen French industry through specialization in those fields where France had an advantage in quality and technology.

economic policy must be con-tinuity. The main objective of economic policy in a time of crisis is to solve the crisis, not to manage it. The Government has never considered economic and financial recovery as an end in iteself, but as a means of ensuring for France and the French people a better future"

Supper, the night before his Passion. He said: 'A new com-

mandment I give to you, that you love one another . . . by this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The Pope also asked leaders

The Pope also asked leaders of opinion to reflect with honesty on peace in the world today, and in doing so he picked out two main points, one largely positive and the other negative. He fells there is a "developing progress of peace. The history of our time—let it he said for its glory—is studden with the flowers of

is studden with the flowers of a splendid documentation in

favour of peace, one that has been carefully thought out,

desired, organized, celebrated and defended: Helsinki teaches this". [The Helsinki accord on

European security.]
The negative side is the phenomenon of "passionate

phenomenon of "passionate and premeditated violence".

It is not yet clear whether he will serve his sentence in a Dutch prison. The West German authorities have asked for Pope gives children a his extradition, along with that password for peace

of Christoph Wackernagel, aged 26, and Gert Schneider, aged 28, two other West Germans arrested in Amsterdam on November 10 after a shooting in which they were wounded. human beings and not wolves? While it is considered likely Do you really want to have the that Herr Wackernagel and Herr Schneider will be extramerit and the joy of doing what is right in helping those in need, and of being able to do dited, this is considered less likely in the case of Herr Folkerts after his conviction for good works with the sole reward of a good conscience? Well, the murder of a Dutch police-man. On the other hand, there then, remember the words which e sus spoke at the Last

German

terrorist

in Holland

From Our Correspondent Amsterdam, Dec 20

A sentence of 20 years' jail

was passed in Utrecht today on

Knut Folkerts, a member of the

Red Army Group, the West

German terrorist organization, for the murder of Det Sergoant

Arie Kranenburg, a Dutch

the attempted murder of Det Constable Leendert Pieterse.

The policemen were shot when

they attempted to arrest him in

no justification for the brutal

and violent manner in which

Herr Folkerts had acted. The Red Army Group in no way fell

within the terms of the Geneva convention that gives certain categories of freedom fighters

the same status as combatants

had been argued that he should

be treated as a prisoner of war

as his group considered itself

not hear the verdict or the

enter the courtroom. He was not obliged by law to be pre-

Herr Folkerts, who is 25, did

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In Herr Folkerts's defence it

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is some feeling here that it might be wiser to extradite all three so as to avoid further action by the terrorist in the Netherlands.
The final decision rests with

Mr Jacob de Ruiter, the Mini-ster of Justice-

Bomb injures passenger in Copenhagen bus

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, Dec 20 A home-made bomb exploded in a municipal bus here this afternoon, seriously injuring an elderly woman passenger. A series of such attacks are all believed to be the work of a mentally-deranged person.

Bombs have been placed in elephone boxes, schools and railway stations, but today's was the first to cause an injury.

Children Act defended by county

By a Smiff Reporter There is no evidence suggesting that the Children and Young Persons Act has been responsible for a general break-down in law and order among young people, a report by War-wickshire social service departnent states.

The report, Youngsters in Court, says that no "major significant" trends can be attributed to sections of the Act now in force, especially those concerning care and supervision orders. That should re-assure those who feared that the increased discretion it gave to local authorities in dealing with young people would lessen discipline and retribution.

An examination of 1,070 young people on whom care or supervision orders were made in the county between 1971, when the main provisions of the Act were introduced, and 1976 concluded that those on a care order after an offence were significantly less likely to be reconvicted within a year than those on a supervision

The reconviction rate among young people on care orders varied from 7 per cent in 1971 to 17 per cent in 1975, commared with 31 per cent and 28 mer cent for local authority supervision orders and 31 per cent and 34 per cent for proposition supervision orders. The combined reconviction rate for a project by Mr Airey Neave, opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, about last Thursday's Tonight programme, which included interviews with IRA leaders: "The terrories are assing your corrections are assing to the property of the project are assing to the property are assing the project are assing to the property of the project are assing to the project are as a project to the BBC, has replied to a project by Mr Airey Neave, opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, about last Thursday's Tonight project are as a project to the BBC, has replied to a project by Mr Airey Neave, opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, about last Thursday's Tonight project are as a project to the BBC, has replied to a project by Mr Airey Neave, opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, about last Thursday's Tonight project are as a project are as a project to the BBC, has replied to a project to the BBC, has rep pared with 31 per cent and 28 per cent for local authority supervision orders and 31 per cent and 34 per cent for pro-bation supervision orders. The combined reconviction rate for all orders remained "fairly stable" over the period.

evidence in Warwickshire that because of the Act courts were by-passing the social agencies and making more use of the penal system instead. The investigation also found that the use of borstal sentences for those aged 15 or 16 continued throughout the period, although the intention of the Act was to phase them out for this group.

However, juvenile courts and Crown Courts made much less use of detention or borstal sentences in cases where a care or supervision order had not already been tried, the report

says.
Those two facts, it concludes, suggested that custodial sen-tences were being kept in reserve for use if and when a young person on a care or supervision order was recon-

Lecturer jailed for contempt Ernest Leonard Tibbitt, aged

64, a Leeds University lecturer, was jailed at Leeds Crown Court vesterday by Judge Beaumont for four weeks for contempt of court after he had tried to walk out from his trial. Mr Tibbitts, of West Park Grove, Leeds, refused to enter a plea on a charge of damaging a wall. The case was adjourned

Detective to move Det Chief Supt Jack Slipper, of Scotland Yard, who went to Brazil to try to bring back Mr Ronald Biggs, the train robber, is being moved to a uniformed

post at Ruislip, west London.

From diplomat to Mastermind

Sir David Hunt, former British Ambassador to Brazil, was challenged by his younger son, Richard, to take part in BBC television's Mastermind. instead of shouting out the answers as he watched the programme at home. He did take part and won last night's final with a record score.

The programme, the hundredth in the series, was described by Mr Bill Wright, its producer, as "electrifying; the best final we have ever had". Sir David gave 17 correct answers to the 19 questions on his specialist subject, the Roman revolution. He answered all 20 general knowledge questions correctly.

Any well-read man should get the right answers, Sir David said after the recording of the final at Guildhall, London. The vital thing was the right psychological preparation. He had received that from the david received that from the show's producer after a disastrous first round in which he came third but managed a place in the

terrorists are using your cor-

poration for their own propa-

Mr Trethowan replied: "In

fact, it showed the republican

movement as small in number, deeply and bitterly divided,

ianactical, doctrinaire, violent

nd suffering a very severe loss

of public sympathy.

To Mr Neave's question whether the BBC wanted to prolong the armed struggle, Mr Trethowan replied: "It is

perfectly reasonable for you to

with respect, our motives. Two
of our colleagues have been
killed in the emergency and
many others have felt its

to see an end to this brutal chapter of British history as you are—and, pace your letter,

think you know that perfectly well.
"You seem to take the view

The Army is withdrawing a regiment from Northern Ireland before the end of the year, reducing the number of big units there from 14 to 13, and the total size of the Army in Ulster from 14,000 to 13,500.

The unit is the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, with head-quarters at Magherafelt. The

regiment was due to return to its barracks in BAOR, but it will not now be replaced. Its return was held back until after Christmas because of the need

We are as anxious

of public sympathy."



Sir David. Record replies.

special semi-final for the best runners-up.

early round or the Allied campaigns in North Africa. knew all the answers but I was

what is nappening among the republican groups, even at a moment of change. We disagree. We believe that the public can be trusted to make its own judgment, even in Northern Ireland. It is sending 14,000 of its sons to risk disablement, even death, or the disablement, even death,

in the hedgerows of south

gramme was the first to cover the ground for two years, Mr Trethowan said that to argue that, particularly in a period of change, the BBC should avoid any serious analysis of what was havening in the mark-likes.

happening in the republican, movement seemed a negation of the spirit of informed public discussion on which the demo-

cratic process depended.

Mr Neave said last night that
he was studying Mr Trethowan's

he was studying Mr Trethowan's reply. The programme had been condemned by both communities in Northern Ireland.

Mr Trethowan had failed to explain why those who were combating terrorism in the province had not been included in the interviews. He hoped a recording would be shown to MPs at Westminster on January 10.

long term plans outlined by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, in the House of Commons two weeks ago.

It also reflects the falling level of violence in Ulster, where there have been 111 deaths so far this year, compared with 296 in 1976.

The Army's policy is also to reduce the number of units bor-rowed from BAOR, particularly

when they are armuored regi-ments, like the 2nd RTR, help-

ing out in an infrantry role.

Pointing out that the pro-

Armagh.*

astonished to hear the replies I was giving. I thought I had gone off my head."

Since then he had learnt to concentrate on his questioner's words. He did well in the next round, with questions on the Allied Forces in Italy. He may also have been helped by the fact that the day before the recording he was in Paris for a television debate on the same

Brussels, Dec 20
Canadian supplies of uranium
to the EEC, which have been
embargoed since the beginning
of this year because of a dispute
over safeguard requirements, There he joined experts from France, Italy and the United States. "We gassed away for three solid hours", Sir David

In the final, his sixth Mastermind appearance, he chose his specialist subject in homage to Sir Ronaid Syme, OM, his rutor at Oxford in 1936 and author of The Roman Revolution, of The Roman Revolution, which traces the processes in which the ancient republic be-Now Sir David goes on to

Supermind contest with the winners of the Forces Chance and Top of the Form radio

BBC chief defends 'Tonight' Prisoners against Mr Neave's attack prepare for that the public should not be shown, in any serious form, what is happening among the

From Christopher Walker

IRA bombers attacked well known stationers in Belfast yesterday, causing extensive damage. An erea the size of a tenus court near the shop was metal, and charred Christmas

Less than 500 yards away shoppers were treated to a bizarre republican pentumine presented by Black August, or the "Amalgamated Urban Guerrilla Street Theatre ".

The show was the cast's latest production, Torture: It consisted mostly of a rubicund Rather Christmes being enthusiastically beaten by two supposed police enterrogators while Christmas fairies, representing the British and Irish governments, looked on with delight.

The pantomine was intended to draw public attention to the plight of the 208 republican prisoners who will spend Christmas Day in solitary confine-ment, dressed only in blankets as part of their campaign to be given the status of political

prisoners.

The protestors are all held in the newly built H block of the Mare prison at Long Kesh. In neighbouring compounds the 671 remaining men with special category status still live a relatively privileged existence. From tomorrow until December 28, the special category prisoners, all "loyalists" or republicans convicted of terrorist crimes committed before Merch last year, will be allowed to add festive trimmings to their 12 compounds.

According to a memoranum

their 12 compounds.

According to a memoranum recently sent to their relatives, each compound will be allowed to receive 14th of cooked to receive 14th of cooked sausages, 160 mince pres, 160 pastries, 14 cakes, and 20 Christmas puddings (each weighing a maximum of 21b). One turkey may be sent in few One turkey may be sent in for each 10 prisoners, provided that it i scooked, but not stuffed.

Affairs. But this had then to be endorsed by the Canadian Gov-ernment and the EEC Council more honest, more unified. "Do you really want to be Vietnam sending team to US over war-missing

Three Americans detained by the Vietnamese authorities after the Vietnamese authorities after their yacht was arraigned in Vietnamese territorial waters o nOctober 12 will be released before the end o fithe year. And a Vietnamese "good offices team set up to investigate the problem of American nationals missing during the Vietnam war will visit the United States early next year. next year.

These are the two concrete results of the third session of the American-Vietnamese negotiations in Paris on the norma-lization of relations which ended today.

The spokesmen of the two delegations, read a prepared text to the press announcing that, "The Vietnamese side has

From Our Own Correspondent: accepted the American invita-tica to a good offices team on three Americans detained by repatriation of war dead. This team will also be invited to visit the American central identifica tion laboratory."

They described the two days

of talks as "frank and cordial", and added that they would be followed by other meetings at dates and in places as yet un-specified. For the first time since the talks began last may, the joint statement mentioned possible normalization of relations between Vietnam and

relations between Vietnam and and the United States."

The Vietnamese delegation was led by Mr Phan Hien, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs an othe American delegation by Mr Richard Helbrooke, the Deputy Secretary of State for Eastern Affairs.

Dutch coalition rebel to lead Christian Democrats

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, Dec 20
Mr Wim Aantjes has been chosen as the new leader of the Dutch Christian Democrat parliamentary group. He suc-ceeds Mr Andries van Agt, the new Prime Minister.

His position will be a delicate one, as he is the leader of the left wing of the Christian Democrats, who refused to approve the coalition pact with the conservative Liberals.

The dissidents have, however, agreed to judge the new

Government's actions on metit. There are at present seven rebels in the Christian Democratic parliamentary group.
They will shortly be joined by
an eighth: Mr Jsap Boersma,
the former Minister of Social Seat in Parliament.
This will leave the Government with only 69 assured votes in the 150-seat Parlia-

The new Government will present its programme January 16. · OEL

Couple held after shooting Swiss border guards From Our Correspondent the station square and asked a taxi to take them 15 miles to

Geneva, Dec 20

A man and a woman were They are suspected by the Swiss authorities to be Willi Peter Stoll, aged 27, and Juliana Plambeck, aged 27, two of the 16 members of the Baader Meinhof terrorist gang.

Their photographs had been circulated to West European police forces after the kidnenping of Herr Happs-Martin Schleyer, the West German industrialist murdered in October. A car with French number plates was stopped by a Swiss border guard on a road near the French frontier in the Jura. He notified his colleague at the Fahy frontier post by radio and then got into the car, ordering the occupants to drive to

the post. While the passports of the two occupants were being checked inside the post the woman whipped a revolver out of her handbag and shot both guards, wounding one in the legs and the other in the shoul-

They apparently fired back, slightly injuring the man as the couple ran to the car. Soon afterwards the car was found abandoned five miles away in Porteutuy.

Delémont. By thea, police roadblocks were in place and the arrested today after a border couple were apprehended on the shooting and a police chase. ourskirts of Delémont. According to the police, the

couple were carrying several passports in different names and bore some resemblence to Herr Stoll and Fraulein Plam-beck. Pingerprints were radioed to the West German police. Herr Stoll is suspected of

involvement in the marder, on April 7, of Herr Siegfried Bucack, the West German public prosecutor. Fraulein Planbeck was arrested in Berlin in September, 1975, and escaped from prison in July last year. She was detained in connexion with the killing in November, 1974, of Herr Günther von Drendmann, the president of the West Berker was desired. the West Berlin appeals court.

Vienna, Dec 28.—Herr Erwin Lanc, the Austrian Minister of the Inteiror, indicated toray that Baader-Meinbor cerrorists might have been behind the logunapping last week of Frau Lotte Boebin, the wife or an industrialist. He told reporters that there was no evidence to suggest that hed abductors had different motives than those who had seized Herr Welter Michael Palmers, the Austrian millionaire, last month.

The police are convinced that the kidnapping of Herr Palmer was directed by three West German women suspected of being linked with the Bastler-Meinhof gang, to raise from Member gang, to raise funds for the gang.—Reuser. There the couple walked to

Christmas because of the need The long-term plan is to to use troops on firefighting lower the Army's dependence

duties.

The reduction in the Army's tour, by raising the number of strength is in accordance with long-term garrison battalions.

Army withdraws regiment



"Geneva is not the objective. If we achieve peace without Geneva it is not a blasphemy...

The Soviets are angry because they want to be our mentors... Kosygin is a technocrat

Podgorny was a dim wit... I intend to go all the way with my initiative, even without super power blessing" + Carter's role in

Sadat's Israel visit

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Events publisher Salimel Lozi (right) meets President Sadat and Vice President Husei Moutara's (centre)

Socialists challenge Suárez party

angry patrons
Madrid, Dec 20. Angry
theatregoers last night forced

open the doors of the Calderon Theatre here, which had been closed by the actors union, and the show went on. Most theatres in Madrid and

Theatre forced

open by

Barcelona were closed yesterday in protest by actors at last week's arrest of Senor Albert Theatre group director, by the military authorities. He is accused of insulting the Army. His company had performed a play in Catalonia called La Torna, which was inspired by the detention and execution of Heinz Chez, a young pole accused of murdering a police-man in Tarragona. The actors decided on a week's protest with

Peer in 'commercial' Lord George-Brown, former Foneign Secretary, is making his debut in a £15,000 television advertisement about P & O Normandy Ferries.

an all-out strike on Thursday.

Madrid, Dec 20

committee were expelled yesterday from a meeting of party whips with the president of the Congress, the Lower House. The expulsion was interpreted here today as a declaration of war by the Socialist Opposition on the Democratic Centre Union of Señor Suárez, the Prime Mini-ster. There will be a debate on public order at Thursday's plenary session of the Congress.

The clash came when Senor. Luis Gomez Librente the Socialist second vice-president socialist second wice-president of the Congress rules committee, asked whether there would be a debate on public order as a result of the criticism of the way in which the police and the Civil Guard had recently put down demonstrations in Malaga and Tenentie. Two scudents were killed.

Senor Alfonso Guerra, the Socialist party whip, also raised the subject. Both accused the Government of trying to mani-

pulate the issue and suop a their sights already on winning debate.

Senior José Perez Lorca the which may be next summer

Members of the Cortes rules

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Communete were expelled yesterlay from a meeting of party

whips with the president of the hold a debate on the issue. After engry exchanges Senor Perez Lorca produced a copy of the regulations on the meetings of party whips which do not entitle anyone else to attend The two vice-presidents and four secretaries of the Congress rules committee were then

Told to leave the meeting.

In fact these meetings have nearly always been attenden by members of the rules committee since the Cortes' first sitting

The forthcoming debate on law and order is the second one since September when the Socialists' motion of no confidence in the Minister of the Interior was rejected. The motion concerned the man-handling of a Socialist deputy by the police in a demon-stration in Santander.

The Socialists with 118 sears the Congress, compared to se Centre's 165, are seeiing

after a referendum on the new

The party has been playing more of a supporting role than an oppositional one as a result of the Moncloa pact between the Government and the Opposition over economic and political issues. The party feels that having agreed through the pact to help to consolidate the democratic process, it is time for them to move to the offensive.

The confrontation came while Senor Felipe Gonzalez, the Socialist party's secretary-general, was in Tokyo. There are internal differences within the party and yesterday's con-frontation might have been a sign that its leaders intend to try to satisfy both emerging wings, the "reelists" and the "radicals".

party's Madrid committee yesterday the leadership was

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During a meeting of the

Space walk

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Salyut 6

in order".

damage to

Moscow, Dec 20.-After a 20minute space walk, Mr Georgy

Grechko, one of the two Soviet cosmonauts in orbit, returned

into the Salvut 5 today and re-

ported that an inspection he

had made of the craft showed

that "everything is completely

Tass said that Mr Grechko,

and the mission commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Yuri Roma-

nenko, were setisfied no repairs were needed to the space labo-

The 19-ton leboratory, which

the cosmonaut; boarded nine days ago, has dual docking

cays ago, has done queens systems to enable two ferry craft to link up with it at the same time. The system tested today was feared damaged dur-

ing an unsuccessful link-up article in the control of the control

The present crew used

it early last weer.

second docking port at the other end of Salyur when they linked their Soyur 26 ferry 10

" It is very difficult and com-

plicated work, and at the same

time a tremendous pleasure". Mr Grechko said after his foray

ratory's docking system

Israeli mission to the Cairo talks more important in terms of public relations than diplomacy

From Edward Mortimer Cairo, Dec 20

It is assumed increasingly by both Israelis and Egyptians that the Cairo conference will be raised to foreign minister level after the meeting be-tween President Sadat and Mr Begin at Ismailia on Sunday.

The present Israel delegates

admit privately that they have no mandate to negotiate matof substance. It is more more obvious, however, that it is not for negotiation that they have been invited to

The object of the conference in its present form is to accustom the Egyptians to the idea of having Israelis in their midst and in acquaint the large public with the genuine goodwill and desire for peace of the Egyptian people.

Matters have been so arranged that the Israel delegates spend the minimum of time behind the closed doors of the conference room and the maximum in public on various sight-seeing or similar

wherever they go they are met by crowds of Egyptians shouring welcomes and slogans in praise of President Sadat, hero of peace". They are followed by a group of Israel journalists, including a television crew, who immediately transmit these heartwarming images back to the Israel public

enough: why worry so much about "defensible borders" when you have such friendly and peace loving neighbours? Clearly the demonstrations enjoy official encouragement and, to a certain extent, they are organized. One can usually identify a cheerleader setting the time for the rhythmic handclap; where schoolchildren are involved they have obviously been given the day off from school and are sometimes led

certainly impressed and touched, although the moral they draw is not always the one the Egyptians presumably want them to. Some draw the conclusion that President Sadat has raised hopes for peace which he cannot afford to disappoint and that, therefore, he will have to make further conwhen substantive negotiations get under way.

Today's excursion was to President Sadat's native village in the Nile delta, Mit Abul Kom. This was apparently sug-gested, in a shrewd diplomatic gesture, by the Israelis them-selves. As well as pleasing their hosts, it gave them their first chance to see something of the Egyptian countryside.

of the Egyptian countryside.

They were impressed by the lush greenness of the delra fields, with their millennia-old irrigation system; by the unaccustomed sight of trains travelling with passengers lying on the roof; by the laboriously-piled pyramids of oranges waiting for collection oranges waiting for collection at the roadside; and by the general neatness and relative prosperity of the countryside, compared with the squalor and

There was not a great deal to see in the village itself other than the Sadat family house, which is notable mainly for the number of portraits of the President it contains, including a related of primiting cluding a splendid primitive painting in a stole reminiscent of the late Stalinist school. It shows Mr Sadat in uniform embracing a peasant and a worker, both of whom have features remarkably similar to

Aided by Mr Shalom Cohen, an Israeli journalist of Egyptian origin, who acted as inter-preter, I was able to discover and interview two brothers of Mr Sadat's first wife, one of whom is the *umda*, or head-

fight back the demonstrators, he was eight years old, who crowd round the delegates in their enthusiasm.

The Israelis themselves are him then. They denied strongly a rumour that his mother had once taken in washing.
On the contrary, the family

were "honourable peasants" with six acres of land. Had the village changed much since those days?—yes, they said, but so had the whole world. The big changes came after the revolution (in which of course Mr Sadat played a leading role) and "after you [the British] left us here".

The most important above the same and the same and the same are a same as the same are a same as the same are a same a same a same a same are a same The most important changes, in their eyes, were the provi-sion of elementary and secondary education. Mr Cohen remarked that, when he lived in Egypt before 1949, all the

villagers would not be wearing shoes as they are now. Other improvements included the paving of the main road to the nearest town, Shepbeen; the provision of a medical unit with a resident doctor cal that with a resident doctor and nurses; and a new and bigger mosque. They denied that their village was in any way privileged. "The whole country has developed since the revolution", they said. The old men were anxious to

impress on me their dislike of the British occupation, of the British occupanty although conceding generously that the British had done that the British had done much to develop the country and were not as bad as the French or as the former royal

family.
What about Israel? Cohen had not identified himself as an Israeli.) A good country, they said. "We hoped for such a thing as this before now. We always lived well with the Jews and liked them. We think they are our rel

Why, then had Egypt fought Israel for so long?—"For the rights of the Palestinians." Did they think the Palestimians were now going to get their rights?—"This is the root of the problem, and it certainly must be solved. It is Yet at the same time there whom is the umda, or head certainly must be solved. It is a convincing air of spunian of the village.

They could remember their it all. The police often have to brother in law from 1927, when have faith in him."



Six of the eight French captives, including Mile Nicole Foulon, second from right, to be freed by the Polisario guerrillas,

Hostages awaited in France

From Our. Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 20

Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, is due no arrive in Paris on Friday with the eight French hostages being released to him by the Polisario in Algiers.

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The official Algerian press service has issued a report in

which the hostages criticize the French authorities bitterly for failing to warn them of their in working in Mauri-According to the report, the

hostages now recognize that the mining town of Zouerate, where six of them were working when they were captured on May 1, is a prime military target. "We were very badly informed about the risks we were running; the French authorities misled us by their reassuring words", they are quoted as saying.

The French Government

not worried about us except in so far as it justifies them in reinforcing its military inter-vention in Mauritania."

Three of the hostages are said to have helped the Poli-sario to repair their military equipment during their captipatring up support ets for mortars and brackets machine guns on military vehicles.

The hostages all paid tribute to the way in which they had been treated. Certainly, in the photographs, they all seem to be well fed and dressed.

The news service is run by the Algerian Government, which supports the Polisario cause, so the hostages would have been unlikely to say anything that might prejudice their has still been no confirmation promised release. Equally, the French Government will not allegation.

for fear of upsetting arrange-ments for the handover. The families of the hostages have been invited to Algiers to be present when they are handed over and the presence of Dr Waldheim means that the Polisario will have achieved maximum attention by their act. It is unlikely that they will want to risk losing this oppor-

aircraft against them.

into space, armed with testing year and a small television "All the decking equipment tunity to present their cause in a humaniturian light by calling off the handover, even though they are now accusing the French of using their Jaguar

everything is completely in order. The receiving cone is also clean, without a single scratch, he reported. News that the docking was in working order could en-

the present crew are still on board. But the main aim of the mission appeared to have been to find out what went wrong with the Soyuz 25 venture, and prospects of a threecraft spectacular seemed diminished by official hints that the cosmonauts could conclude their programme by the end of the

While Mr Grechko worked outside the crart, fikming the whole docking assembly for ground conirol, Colonel Roma-nenko superv.sed the operation from inside the station's depressurized transfer compart-ment—the end section which adjoins the docking port.

vear-old civilian engineer, was away from a space vehicle for nearly nine years. His space walk was about twice as long as the first one ever made, by Lieutenant-Colonel Alexei Leo-nov in Marca, 1965.—Reuter.

Pretoria over nuclear fuel reported

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Washington, Dec 20
The United States is reported to be increasing its pressure on South Africa to prevent it from developing nuclear weapons.

According to today's New York Times, Washington is threatening to withold supplies of nuclear fuel for power stations unless Pretoria agrees to sign the 1968 non-prolifera-

A State Department spokesan, who would neither conform nor deny the report, pointed out that Washington has not been supplying South Africa with nuclear material

for some time, principally be-cause there have been no such requests from Pretoria. This statement, however, does not rule out the possibility that South Africa might call for American uranium supplies to meet the requirements of two power plants due to come into operation in the early 1980s. In the wake of strong evidence this summer that South

Africa was about to test a nuclear device in the Kalahari Desert, President Carter Desert, President Carter promised that his Administration would renew its efforts to persuade the South Africans adhere to international nuclear safeguard agreements. Since then international presleveloping nuclear weapons has intensified. Last month, mem-hers of the United Nations agreed that they would refrain

from any cooperation with South Africa in the manufacand development of nuclear weapons. Now it appears that Washington has decided the only way to bring the South Africans into line is to threaten to turn into line is to threaten to turn down any future requests for supplies of enriched uranium. Our Paris Correspondent writes: Souch Africa has failed in its efforts to persuade France that there is a legal obligation to deliver two submarines and two escort vessels being built in Brittany in spite of the arms ban agreed by the United Nations Security Council.

It was announced today that

It was announced today that ir Pieter Botha, the South African Desence Minister, was recalling naval personnel who have been in France for more

than a year
The United Nations embargo was agreed last month and France immediately stopped sea trials of the Good Hope, the scort vessel which was nearest Nevertheless, the completion. Nevertheless, the South African personnel in Lorient continued to work on the ship and its sister ship in the dockyard. Work also con-tinued on the two submarines being built at Nantes.

Johannesburg: In a statement today, Mr Botha said: "The French Government advised us during official negotiations that, because of the United Nations sanctions resolution, it would be unable to honour certain

do not wish to comment on the financial implications as this is an aspect that will be taken up with the French hannels."

whole apparently so sensitive that Defence headquarters in-Structed South African news-Papers not to deviate at all from the wording of Mr Botha's

US threat to Mr Begin's Minister of Defence in Egypt

From Our Special

A meeting today between General Muhammad Gamassi, the Egyptian Defence Minister, and Mr Ezer Weizman, his Israeli apposite number, at Alexandria, clearly took senior Egyptian officils by surprise. Their reaction was little more

dent Sader's single-handed, lightning diplomacy has accus-tomed them to learning of their tudes after the event.

agency announcing the meeting, did not say how long it had lasted but specified that it was held at Mr Weizman's re-No details were given of the

subjects discussed, but an in-formed guess would be that they would have to do with the military guarantees or safe-guards to be embodied in a peace agreement.

The meeting must be seen as part of the prepartions for the part of the prepartions for the meeting between President Sadat and Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, at Ismailia on Christmas Daly. It suggests that, in addition to the proposals for dealing with the Palestinian problem that he announced on Sunday, Mr Begin is ready to discuss Israeli withdrawal from all or most of the Sinai perinsula. the Sinai peninsula.

Inquest opens on David Holden

The inquest on David Holden,

the chief foreign correspondent

of The Sunday Times, found

murdered near Cairo on December 7, was opened and adjourned at St Pancras

published by the ruling Arab Socialist Party, suggested that Mr Holden's murder was the work of the Arab rejection

front—radicals opposed to the Sadar peace initiative. "The killing of the British correspon-

dent was supposed to be the

first in a series which would have coincided with the open-

ing (Dec 13) of the Cairo peace conference", it said.

coroner's vesterday.

court, London,

Israel has relied on occupation of Sinai as a key element in its security since 1967. It would be unlikely to withdraw unless Egypt agreed on full demilitarization of the area and elaborate early-warning systems possibly involving some continued Israeli presence.

The present Israeli Govern-ment might also seek some increased American presence, as are already American civilians manning the early-warming manning devices on the existing cease A special concern for Israel

is tree passage through the Straits of Tiran to the Israeli port of Eilat. Egyptian inter-ference with this was the cause of war in 1956 and 1967. Since 1967 Israeli governments have indicated they would insist on retaining the western shore of the Gulf of Akaba in a peace agreement.

Since President Sadat's visit to Israel last mornh, however, it has been suggested that Israel might be satisfied with a temporary "leasehold" of Sharmel-Sheikh, the fort that dominate the straight nates the straits.

Mr Weizman may well have wished to discuss the technical aspects of such arrangements with his Egyptian opposite number, although clearly only President Sadat would have the authority to make the political concessions involved.

pay rise From Michael Leapman New York, Dec. 20 Mr Edward Koch, New York's newly-elected mayor, won his first important victory

yesterday, some two weeks before he is due to take office He persuaded the 43 city coun cillors to cancel pay increases of 50 per cent which they were about to award themselves. In doing so, he also forfeited a substantial pay increase for pay ancrease for Last week the council voted

by a sarge majority to increase their salaries from \$20,000 to \$30,000 (f11,000 to £16,500) a vear, even though theirs is no a full-time job. Mr Abraham Beame, the retiring mayor, crease on the ground that the impoversibled city could not afford it.

the power to override the mayor's veto and they had enough votes to do it. They almost certaonly would have done but for the public outcry. A newspaper opinion poli showed almost unaminous opposition to the increases.

Yesterday, Mr Koch and Mr Beame mer the council leaders and put it to them that to award themselves increases on that scale would have two adverse effects. It would make it hard for the new mayor to reside high year degrands from resist high pay demands from the city's blue-collar workers, the city's blue-collar workers, and it would discourage Congress in Washington from voting New York the budgetary assistance it badily needs.

The city has still not fully recovered from its near bankruptcy in 1975, when swingeing cuts in services bad to be made before the cash could be raised to set it out of trouble.

Korchnoi-Spassky game put off again

Belgrade, Dec 20.—The adjourned tenth game in the world chess championship challengers final between Viktor Korchnoi and Boris Spassky has been further postponed until Thursday.

Korchnoi, a Soviet expatriate granchaster, leads the 20-game match by 6½ points to 3½. Spassky, a former world champion now living in France, won the eleventh game yesterday to the problem of the state of the stat day. It was his first win. These are the moves of the eleventh game :

White Korchnoi; black Spassky.



Paying customer dissatisfied with UN

New York, Dec 20 The Thirry-Second General

Assembly of the United Nations ended today in a familiar fashion with the Americans complaining about the cost of the world body. Mr Lester Wolff, a member of the United States delegation, criticized it for extravagance and unwieldiness.

If anyone has a right to pro-test about these matters, the Americans do. They foot a quarter of the bill. Mr Wolff said his country would abstain from voting on the proposed budget for 1978 and 1979 and in future might vote against it unless efficiency was im-proved.
"Excessive cost and less

flexibility and responsiveness can cause this organization to degenerate", he said. He criticized increases in salaries of senior officials and called for a reduction in the number of international conferences.

Mr Wolff also called for a tenor of the Middle East reapportionment of contributions to make wealthy oil-producing countries pay more. At the moment 27 developed extremist Arab states used the second of Assembly as a bandle forum for countries pay 89 per cent of the budget, with the remainder split among the other 122 member states.

When adjourned today it had achieved no more and no less than previous sessions. After three months of rhetoric, most of it ignored by world-weary delegates, some 200 resolutions were passed reflecting the view of the world held by the developing nations, which are now in a buge majority (two more of them, Vietnam and Diibouti, became members this session).

resolutions Africa and Rhodesia, South calling for draconian measures to bring about black rule. Is sel was roundly condemned

Assembly as a handly forum for criticizing the Egyptians.

There were strident calls for a new economic order in which the rich countries would spread their wealth among the poor. To facilitate this, the assembly urged Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General, to appoint yet another highly-paid official to oversee economic affairs, with special reference to the Taird World.

It is expected that the man will be Mr Mansur Khalid, Foreign Minister of Sudan, He will rank only one Waldheim and will below Dr Waldheim and will thus qualify for a substantial salary.
This will not please the Americans, but they are Americans, but they expected to pay up an complain even more i about extravegance next ye

Rhodesian whites' rights discussed

Salisbury, Dec 20
The sixth round of the Rhodesign internal settlement talks ended here this evening after three hours and 20 minutes the longest session so far. A brief official statement issued afterwards said progress had been made and that the talks would resume tomorrow.

All the delegations drove off without talking to the waiting journalists, except for Mr Ian Smith the Prime Minister. He looked tired but managed to raise a smile when asked if the delegates nwould be having their Christmas Junch at the government training centre where the talks are being held.

We would probably put our

feet down at that", he said.
"We will have Christmas Day

People's Organization

It is believed the main issue under discussion is the parlia-mentary blocking mechanism wanted by Mr Smith to ensure that major legislation cannot be passed by some future government without the approval of a blocking group of about a third of white

Mr Smith voters' rolls for whites and blacks, but the nationalists are said to oppose this saying it is retrogressive and racialistic.

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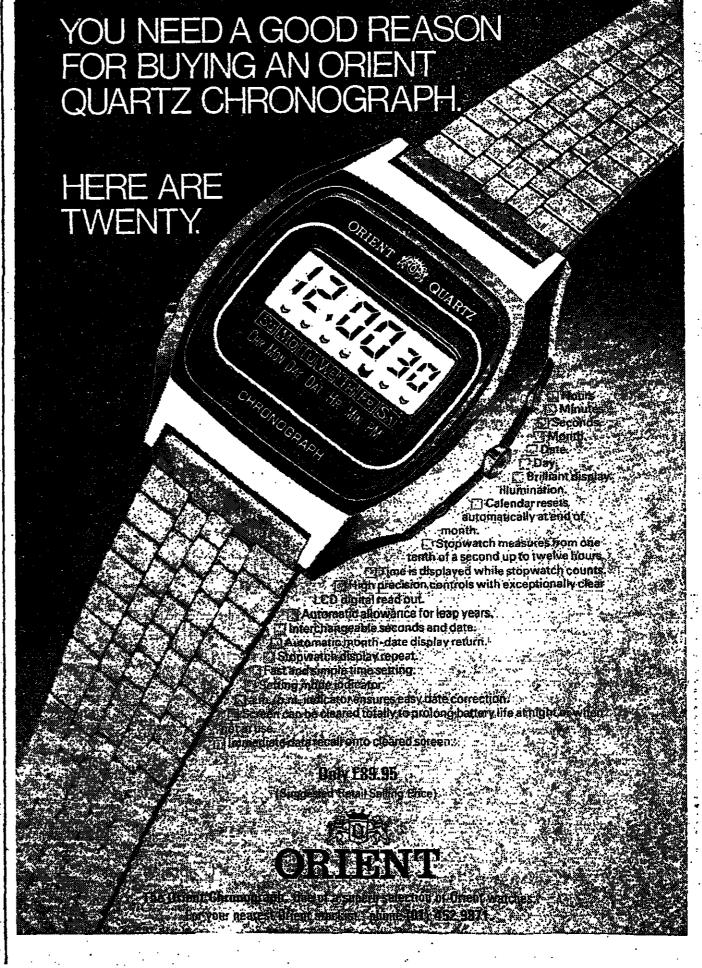
Beira descuss tactics in the light of Mr Smith's moves towards an internal settlement, was held

sian nationalist leaders taking conference. believed to have been called to

Observers believe the talks The talks were again attended by the government are oeing conducted in a spirit party, headed by Mr Smith, of conducted in a spirit party, headed by Mr Smith, of conducted in a spirit of containing to the United African National Council. The Rev remains. Natabanining Sithole, the ANC (Sithole), and Senator Chief Chirau, the Zimbahwe United Papple's Organization. Observers between talks of conducted in a spirit of co this week and then adjourn for the Christmas recess.

Lusaka, Dec 20.—Zambian newspapers said today that Sunday's front-line summit in exchanges between the four heads of state and two Rhode-

Both men were outside the oxygen-fed space laboratory for thr 28min. Mr Grechko, a 46-



Telephones still tapped Indonesia in India but MPs off list, Mr Desai says political prisoners

Telephone tapping is still going on, Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister, admitted in violent activities".

He denied that any terephone tapping is allowed in
connexion with normal political activities. "I have seen the
session, hinting at two Bills,
one which would obtain fur-He denied that any teletapping the telephones of mem-bers of Parliament", he said.

tised by the intelligence services also brought a promise today from Mr Charan Singh, the Home Minister, that he will look into the matter and make a statement to Parliament

a statement to rathamous shortly.

Telephone tapping was one of the abuses suffered during the emergency and the Janara Party in its election manifesto promised as part of "open government" to stop misuse of the intelligence agencies for partisan ends.

partisan ends.

However, Mr Krishan Kant,
a leading Janata MP, protested
during yesterday's meeting of
the parliamentary party's executive, that a watch was still
heing bear on his margarata being kept on his movements just as occurred with all the then opposition leaders when Mrs Gandhi was Prime Minis-

Among others still the object of surveillance, he said, was Mr Chandra Shekhar, the Janata

The Lok Sabha (Lower House) today passed by 318 votes to one a Bill which removes some of the objectionable clauses of the notorious forty-second amendment passed in Parkament today but only at the height of Mrs Gandhi's against what he called antisocial and anti-national elements or "those who indulged
in solves activities to only at the height of Mars Gandhi's
emergency. Mr. Shanti Bhusan,
the Law Minister, acknowledged the limited scope of the
Bill as a compromise with Congress which still commands

tapping the telephones of members of Parliament", he said.

Protests from Janata MPs that surveillance of party members was still being practically and the constitution.

Today's Bill restores some powers of judicial review to the rourts, but most notably does not tackle the principal "mischief" of the forty-second amendment which put constitutional amendments outside amendments outside judicial review.

Meanwhile, the Congress leaders opposing Mrs Gandhi have postponed until tomorrow the scheduled parliamentary board meeting called to decide how to respond to the former Prime Minister's decision at the weekend to resign from the party's executive.

Some desperate mediation efforts are going on in an attempt to avoid a party split. but Mrs Gandhi's most committed supporters were today also making their preparations should it come about. Their gathering, however, did not appear as well attended as they hoped.

Chandra Shekhar, the Janata party's Socialist president.

Mrs Gandhi has been summoned to appear before the seneral election in March had been intended to do more than change a government. "The system" had also to be ended, he maintained.

Mrs Gandhi has been summoned to appear before the slowing into the excesses committed during the emergency, on January 9, 10 and 11, the commission announced tonight.

are not conducive to detente, but merely enable the Soviet

Union to gloss over its economic problems and continue its military build-up.

China warns West not to trade with Russia

From David Bonavia Hongkong, Dec 20

China has increased its propaganda campaign to dissuade Western countries from trad-ing with the Soviet Union.

The Peking People's Daily recently wrote that the Soviet Union hoodwinked the United States over the size of its grain harvest, thus artificially lowering the price of American grain when it came to making

Other official commentaries have pointed to the relative advantages secured by Moscow in its purchases of advanced Western technology and indus-

Chain buys grain on the world marker, as the Soviet Union does, but in the past few years it has bought very little from the United States. It is also buying and seeking to buy advanced Western technology.

The host Chicago argument and grain, thinking they could thus lure it into reducing the speed of its military expansion and check its lust for world hegelitate from the United States. It is also buying and seeking to buy advanced Western technology.

Actress arrested

on drugs charge
Jacksonville, Florida, Dec 20.
Linda Blair, teenage star of
The Exorcist, and two children

of a Florida senato: were among of a Florida senator were among at least 35 people arrested in police raids aimed at breaking up a drugs ring with head-quarters in Houston, Texas.

The actress was detained as she left her home in Wilton, Connecticut, and was charged

with conspiracy to commit a felony in the alleged sale and purchase of cocaine.

adjourned talks on Concorde until after Christmas without any sign of an agreement which would allow the supersonic airliner to overfly Malaysian air

Bhutto supporters held

Party, apparently with the aim of ending agitation in favour of

the party's imprisoned leader Mr Bhutto

Los Angeles. Dec 20.-A

brush fire fanned by 70 mph

winds spread rapidly through the southern end of Vanden-

berg Air Force base, threatening several space launch com-plexes.

tired detective and wounded

three policemen in a gunfight on a crowded Brooklyn street corner, before being shot dead

Havana, Dec 19.-Mr Jack

Jones, leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union,

arrived here on a two-week goodwill visit for talks with Cuban workers' federation

Warsaw, Dec 20.-Police

seized another duplicator used for printing dissident maga-zines—the fourth this month—

as part of a clampdown on clandestine journals.

Delhi, Dec 20.—Herr Willy

Herr Brandt in Delhi

Fire threatens base

Brooklyn gunfight

Jones visit to Cuba

Polish clampdown

leaders.

Lahore, Dec 20 .- Police have arrested the principal leaders in Lahore of the Pakistan People's

No Concorde accord Kuala Lumpur, Dec 20.—British and Malaysian officials

In brief

nology.
The basic Chinese argument

prisoners

mote penal island in the Moluc-cas group after 12 years of

They were given new clothes and leather shoes, taken from 22 open prison camps to the port of Natolea and put on board two warships leaving for Surabaya, Java. Their reunion with their families was part of President Subarto's programme to erase the memory of a bloody but abortive communist coup 12 years ago. More than 500,000 people died in its aftermath.

The 10,000 prisoners, said to be hard-core communists and

be hard-core communists and sympathizers, were set free in a move which could help to im-prove Indonesia'; relations with communist countries.

A further 20,000 prisoners

remain in camps throughout the country, but the Government has promised to release them within two years.

An official ceremony to mark

An ornical ceremony to mark the release of 886 prisoners at a detention camp in Tanjung Kasau, north Sumatra, was watched by Admiral Sudomo, the national security chief, and foreign diplomats, except representatives of communications. sentatives of communist coun-tries who had been invited but

refused to attend.

Reporters said that the prisoners locked fit, but appeared apathetic towards their release. All pledged loyalty to the Government of President Subarto and denounced communism.

Brigadier-General Ismael, the military commander of Sumatra

Brigadier-General Ismael, the military commander of Sumatra, told them that they should be ready for questioning "when and if it is deemed necessary by local authorities".

Foreign journalists allowed to visit the penal colony for the penal colony for the penal them.

the past three days heard many complaints from prisoners about living conditions.

about living conditions.
On their release today they repeated an oath of allegiance which also condoned all government actions against them. It ended with the words: "I swear, without any pressure from anyone and of my own free will." is that large deals between Western countries and Russia

free will."

The releases have been criticized by foreign human rights organizations, including the London-based Amnesty International, on the ground that many, if not most, prisoners will be unable to return to their former home towers. former home towns.

The Government has said that

The Chinese were particu-larly upset by the sale of French technical knowledge which enabled the Russians to prisoners who are not accepted back into their families and do not find employment in their home towns will be resettled outside Java which is overpopulated put the TU144 supersonic airliner into service, despite its 1973 crash at the Paris air

The People's Daily said:
"Recently, the United States
and some Western countries
tried to fetter the Soviet Union The Government believes that released prisoners who are un-able to find employment might easily be swayed by radical movements. Unemployment is high. Some estimates put it up with their technologies, loans and grain, thinking they could

bigh. Some estimates your and assisting the West to work; but is it not worth thank God for your release.

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But remember you most not allow yourselves to be influenced by subversive elements."
Leading article, page 13

Murder charges dropped in case of 'Dawson Five'

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Dec 20

Murder charges against five black youths from Georgia, known as the Dawson five were dropped yesterday after a bitter two-year legal con-troversy. Defence lawyers had argued that a confession by one of the five to the murder of a white man during the robbery of a shop had been obtained only after police

coercion and threats.
The defenme had widened the determe had widened the scope of the case by saying that the charges against the five were racially motivated. In pre-trial hearings, they brought in evidence which sought to prove that racial intolerance permeated the life of Dawson, the small Georgia town where the murder occurred.
The case had thus become a

national cause for black groups. The legal question centered on the admissibility of the confession by Rooseek Watson that the admissibility of the confession by Rooseek Watson that he had fired the fatal shot.

Judge Waiter Geer ruled yesterday that the confession could not be used because it was not "freely, voluntarily and intelligently made".

The defence said it was obtained by threatening Mr Watson with death by electric shock, Like the defendants, Mr

atson is illiterate. It was alleged he had been told that if he did not confess, he was in danger of being killed by the polygraph (lie-detector) machine.
The judge quoted the man conducting the test as saying:
"Roosevelt Warson did not have the intelligence to have a polygraph test administered to him so that results could be

After the judge's ruling, the prosecutor said the state would drop the charges because it had no solid evidence aparte from the confession. The validity of an identification of Mr Watson by the charge arms that here by the shop owner had been questioned by the defence. No murder weapon was found.

During preliminary bearings, a former Dawson policeman gave evidence that, in an attempt to find the murder

weapon, a sheriff's deputy had placed a cocked and loaded revolver to the head of one of the defendancs, calling him

Uruguay arrest of pianist causes concern

New York, Dec 20.—A man wanted for murder and bank robbery shot and killed a re-Concern was being expressed in musical circles in London and Paris yesterday over the arrest in Uruguay of Señor Miguel Angel Estrella, a well-known Argentine pianist. Señor Estrella is known to have been arrested last Friday in Montevideo, where he had been living for the past year, but nothing more has been heard abour him.

> Señor Estrella was known as a Peronist and an opponent of the Argentine military regime, according to friends. They fear that he has been arrested for political reasons

Mr Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist has sent a telegram to President Videls of Argentina insisting on the immediate release of Senor Estrella and threatening a boycott of Argentina if he is not. Similar telegrams have been sent to both Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, arrived here on a three-day visit at the invitation of the Indian Government.

Kenyan plane ordered to land in Uganda From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, Dec 20 Ugandan military authorities ordered a Kenya Airways Boeing 707. on a scheduled flight from Luseka to Nairobi,

to land at Entebbe yesterday.

The airliner was held for three hours, and the passengers were ordered to leave it but were not molested, according to an airline spokesman.

Kenyan aircraft are barred by Tanzania from overflying its territory. The Lusaka service must, therefore, fly by a roundabout route over Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Zeire. It is not scheduled to land at Entebbe.

Waldheim mission

New York, Dec 20,-Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secrecary General, is to visit Turkey, Greece and Cyprus for 10 days of talks during January in an effort to restart the stalled Cyprus peace talks.

Keeping alive the grandeur that was Rome

Most writing is short-lived. Books last for a few months or years. A few books, mostly tion, which has its own writing to read. But on December 29 the Oxford University Press publishes a book by Peter Glare that will be used and enjoyed until the Last Trump. Its title is curious rather than an obvious best-seller: Pactus-Qualiter-cumque. It is Fascicle VI of the Oxford Latin Dictionary, which was conceived in 1929 and started two years later.

A fascicle, or bundle, from the same root as fascist (from fasces, a bundle of elm rods with an axe in the middle carried rods with an axe in the middle carried by a Roman lictor as the symbol of tenure of imperium), is the technical name for an instalment of a learned work. Because Latin is a dead language, which grows and changes only by occasional minute accretions from inscriptions and papyri, this is the last word that needs to be said on the subject until Gabriel blows that trumpet, when every crux shall be unravelled, and the etymologies made plain.

This fascicle, eagerly awaited by Latin

This fascicle, eagerly awaited by Latin lovers, runs from Pactus (the past participle of pacisco, "arranged by negotiation") to Qualitercumque, "in whatever manner", for which the examples are held over for the next fascicle. For these we shall have to wait for two years for Volume VII, consoling ourselves until then

it, or what you will.

P is the most prolific initial letter in

Latin with all those prac, pro, and perprefixes, as well as the words beginning with ph- from the separate Greek letter. Phi. For an ugly moment it looked as though the Ps would not mind the Qs a trial, that is, precisely, to have a foot in both camps. and would take up all of Fascicle VI.

The book defines some more rare new words not given in Lewis & Short: peponarius, a grower or seller of water-melons; planodamus, a person appointed to look after the streets. It gives the original meaning of the fashionable English word "prestigious": that is, full of trickery. The old meaning still smiles ironically: under its modern context, though its users may not so intend it. There is some brave new scholarship in There is some brave new scholarship in Pactus-Qualitercumque, including the spectacular revelation that Horace was not prematurely grey after all. Everybody from the fourth century scholiast to the mighty Fraenkel has translated Horace's description of himself as praccanus in Epistles 1 as prematurely grey. When a scholiast felt the need to define a word, it signified that its meaning had been forgotten, and often that he was guessing. Peter Glare amends the translation to "very grey", hecause in no other pure adjective beginning with prace does the prefix carry the sense of prematurity. It always means excessively.

More Enguistically important is his new

always means excessively.

More linguistically important is his new explanation of praevaricar, which until now everyone has rendered as "I walk crookedly" Peter Glare construes it to mean to straddle across something with

in both camps,

Metrication has overtaken the dictionary, so that it has had to render mille passus or passuum as 1.45 kilometres or about 45 yards tess than an English mile. Our inflation reminiscent of the profligate days of the later Roman Empire has caused the Latin lexicographers to abandon any attempt to give modern values to ancient

The superficial delight of the dictionary may lie in its novelties and oddsties. Its lasting glory resides in its comprehensive, logical, and elegant treatment of important everyday words. After reading Pono with its array of 24 principal meanings from to give up the ghost to to wager and then to to depict the reader not only understands the word and its growth inside out; he has elso got trade the skin of the Romans. has caso got hance the skin of the Romans, and understands how they thought. With two fascicles still ro come, OLD is already an ornament of the Clarendon Press and its parent university, and a treasure for ever: or at any rate until the revised version at the Last Trump.

Philip Howard The Oxford Latin Dictionary, Fascicle V1 Pactus-Qualitercumque, edited by P. G. W. Glare, Oxford at the Clarendon Press,

Why we should feel sorry for the rich

This week's guest column is by journalist R. M. Lala of Himmat Weekly, Bombay

For centuries the poor have been pitied and the rich envied. The time has come to pity the affluent.

Is it an accident that the Bander-Meinhof gang originated in one of the most affluent societies of the world? Three of its leaders, who did not hesitate to in-flict terror and death on so many, com-mitted suicide in jail when the Lufthansa hijackers failed to release them.

Last year I asked a group of 50 young Germans near Frankfurt why it was that

West Germany has given birth to the Baader-Meinhof. The replies which came forth were "unhappy homelife", "separated parents", "no love at home". In short, the break-up of family life.

I inquired of a matron of a psychiatric

I inquired of a matron of a psychiatric ward in a London hospital whether most of the patients were in their forcies or fifties. To my surprise she replied that most of them were between 20 and 30 years old.

A primary school principal from North Wales told me that most of the children in her school could not relate a single story or fable told to them by their parents. Many parents apparently do not bother to tell stories to children any more. They leave it to television to do the job. But the cold light of the TV tube is no substitute for the warmth of parents affection and attention.

each of them questioning whether it is essential in their case to work the whole day? Mothers who work hard in the office or factory, often claim: "We work for our children." Could it be that by being away from home when their children return from school, and being too worn out each evening to attend to them. after work, they may be actually working against the ultimate interests of their children? Is it a surprise that many a sensitive young a surprise that many a sensitive young person wants to opt out of society after experiencing such cold love for years? The number of hippies may be falling. What is happening now is less perceptible but perhaps more frightening. A large secbut perhaps more frightening. A large section of people in the work force of western nations are ready to withdraw their cooperation from society if they do not get what they want. They demand unprecedented privileges and are not bothered about who picks up the bill. For example, the dockers of Melbourne have extracted such privileges from a helpless community, that the charges of loading and unloading in that harbour are estimated at more than double that of New York. Similarly, Arthur Scargill, Yorkshire miners' leader, demands £130 a week for the miners irrespective of the precarious state of British economy. It takes an Indian miner from four to five months to earn its equivalent, with a somewhat greater risk equivalent, with a somewhat greater risk to his health and life.

We witness the phenomena of the "high-waymen" of the affluent world, who ride on the backs of their more vulnerable fellow citizens. In recent years they have threatened the functioning of democratic governments. Mr Fraser ordering polls in Australia is the latest example. The impact of this indiscriminate wage hike is felt in poorer nations, especially the suppliers of raw materials. They get less and less of finished goods for their raw materials. Disparity of income between nations grows.

Risks

of 'knocking

Until this year it was almost unheard of in Britain for advertisers to name their

competitors in their advertisements. In other European countries the practice of

either banned, or strictly controlled, by law. In Britain it is permitted subject to

the same standards as the advertising industry applies to any other sort of advertisement, and it has arrived this

By the standards of America, where

the load and public disparagement of competitors' products is accepted com-mercial practice, comparative advertising in

Britain is anodyne, yet it has already excited shocked comments in the industry

excited shocked comments in the industry and complaints to the Advertising Standards Authority.

It began with the car manufacturers. Volkswagen used a series of comparative advertisements to try to promote its Polo at the expense of the Fassia which Ford was kaundhing. Peugeot followed suit. Now half a dozen motor manufacturers regularly name competitors in their advertise-

larly name competitors in their advertise-ments, comparing, to their own advantage,

price, milage, or other aspects of the cars'

appeal.

this so-called comparative advertising

copy,

Solzenhitsyn says that history has shown instances of how to deal with the greed of a minority (eg. the French and Russian revolutions). But it has yet to show how to deal with the greed of the majority. Mahatma Gandhi believed there is enough in the world for everyone's need but not for everyone's greed, and if everyone cares enough; and if everyone shares enough everyone will have enough. He said if he had more than what he needed, he was a thief because he deprived someone else.

Throughout history there has been a

Throughout history there has been a privileged class that has consumed more than its due share of society's resources. But in the past this class has been small, and its consumption negligible when viewed against the bounties of the earth. Modern science and technology has made it possible for a small block of modern apartment houses to consume more energy to keep it warm and well-lit than the Court of King Solomon in all its glory. The privileged class of old times were dotted at the crest of every nation. were dotted at the crest or Now it covers entire nations.

The line between affluence and poverty is roughly drawn from the West to the East. The northern strip has the largest slice of consumer goods, energy, housing and other comforts, while the rest of the world has far less than its due share. There are not enough resources available in the world to meet the revolutions of rising expectations of the poor nations and the rocketing greed of the right—when both are exercised at the same time.

The society of the affluent West believes in instant satisfaction of its amerites— be it for food, for fuel or for tex. The be it for food, for fuel or for ex. The Federal Agricultural Minister of Canada said last year that Canadians are eating far more beef than is good for them, and he ascribed the rise in the crime rate partly to this diet. That self-restraint and sacrifice form character and indulgence weakens it, is apparently a lesson yer to be learnt by the West.

The technique of instant results does not work when dealing with people, for people are unpredictable and not always obliging. Affection cannot be bought off the shelf. In the West a generation is

obliging. Affection cannot be bought off the shelf. In the West a generation is growing up for which any non-satisfaction of demand leads to frustration, and many do not know how to fight their way out of it. They have been conditioned to believe that society, or the state, must meet most of their wants. If a person gets less satisfaction in marriage than expected it is thought to be negtral to see a state. thought to be natural to go to another partner. Is it surprising, then, that it some lands one out of every two marriages has broken up, and in others, one out of three? The tragic cost of it to the children of these marriages will never be known.

Western statesmen claim that their num-ber one problem is inflation. Few have dared to tell their people that the cause of inflation is greed. The wounds of the affluent West are self-inflicted. Its infla-tion is not the product of a genuine shorttion is not the product of a genuine shortage of goods but the consequence of
millions grabbing all they can. Most Western statesmen restrict themselves to tinkering a bit with the energy problem or
juggling with fiscal measures to control
inflation or unemployment, but they are
afraid to challenge the very basis of their
society, which demands more and more of
goods and comforts and threatens to vote
out the party that will not supply these.

The in-fighting has spitted over into the car-hire market, where Swan National is currently running a campaign quoting

its rates against those of rivals with messages like "our vates make Hertz, Godfrey Davis and Avis look very expen-

sive indeed."

Apparently, organizations for consumer protection like comparative advertising. A

colloquium sponsored by the EEC in Brussels—in November—endorsed a call for the repeal of European prohibitions

on comparative advertising. Consumers do not, as yet, share their champions' endusiasm.

enthusiasm.

While Volkswagen was well pleased with the results of its Polo campaign

attacking Ford, the Ford side researched

consumer reactions to the advertisements

and found that the aggressive comparative

advertisements were particularly un-

popular. Given a choice between three Volks-

wagen Polo advertisements, 89 per cent preferred the one non-comparative adver-

tisement shown. Only 9 per cent opted for either of the advertisements mentioning Ford.

Consumers objections are not merely

consumers objections are not merely squeamish. While 12 per cent said they disliked knocking copy, some 80 per cent complained that the comparative advertisements "did not tell the whole story". There is a warning there for consumer champions who imagine that encouraging the spread of comparative advertising will benefit consumers by giving them more complete information.

President Carter's demand for sacrifice President Carter's demand for sacrifice for energy consumption is worth watching. He has run into rough waters with the Congress. He feels the security of the United States is at stake unless it pulls up on its prodigal energy consumption. United States oil imports have jumped from only 5 per cent in 1966 to 42 per cent today and are expected in reach 60 per cent in 1980. The Times of India reports from Washington that in the recent four-day holiday weekend, the United februs from washington that in the recent four-day holiday weekend, the United States consumed more petrol than the most industrialized state of India, Maharashtra (population 52,000,000), consumes in a whole year. The whole structure of the United States society from its same highways to

States society from its super highways to its comfortable surburban homes and the cheep price of oil, militates against energy saving. The philosophy "If you want a thing, go out and get it" may have belped once to build America. Its pursuance today may endanger it.
"If Carter deregulated oil prices and

gave the oil companies more profit they would have the incentive to dig more wells and get us more oil ", the owner of eight United States radio-television stations told me. That the cost of oil exploration is shooting up or that oil is a non-renewable resource, does not worry him so long as he can get what he wants without hindrance.
It so happens that most affluent

societies are democratic and Christian.

President Carter says that they are not democratic because they are prosperous. They are prosperous, because they are democratic. Prosperity, alas, has failed to teach man how to live and it has often

Some of the noblest Christians of the West have chosen to work in more needy lands. Lake Mother Theress they noziced that the poor and wretched of the earth may have something to teach the rich. Mother Theresa relates the story of a dying lady picked up from the streets of Calcutta. "After I put her in bed, she took hold of my hand and she had such a wonderful smile on her face. She said just one word—'Thank you'—and she died. I, for a second, thought if I was in her place what would I say? What would I do? And I was quite sure that I would have said: 'I am dying, I am hungry, I am cold.' But this wonderful person who had spent her days in the streets, naked, helpless, and dying had the courage to love me more than to love herself. Some of the noblest Christians of the

confage to love me more than to love herself.

"We may have the poor in our own families. In our very own homes. Maybe my child, my wife, my husband may feel unwanted, unflowed, uncared. And especially nowadays when everybody is an a tervible rush, when nobody has any time for each other, lover for one another is genting cold. This is where we must start. If we really want to love others, we must first begin to love one another in our own homes."

When affiltent men, and women recognize this secret they will be reconciled to each other, compassionate to the needy around them and respectful to the nature they have despoiled. Material poverty might take long to abolish, but poverty of the spirit need not remain with us any longer.

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There is ample evidence that comparative advertisements tend to confuse. For example, in the research already quoted, almost as many people thought the Polo advertisement had been placed by Ford as thought it came from Volkswagen.

The case against comparative advertising can be summarized. It is that incomplete statements, half-truths and a lack of objectivity are its inevitable features, and that in advertising, as elsewhere, comparisons are odious.

The new wave of comparative advertising has not made an auspicious start in Britain. Three motor manufacturers' com-perative advertisements have already been ruled against by the Advertising Standards Authority.

The National Consumer Council says the the National Consumer Council says the existing voluntary controls are inadequate to prevent abuse even in Britain's comparatively antiseptic present advertising. If aggressive comparative advertising is to be a feature of the future, opportunities in midead will proliferate and the ties to mislead will proliferate, and the need for legal controls will be more urgent. Comparative advertising may be fun for advertising agencies, and likely to make work for lawyers, but it is unlikely to benefit consumers. And it may bring British advertising into the disrepute from which American advertising already

> Robin Young Consumer Affairs Correspondent

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floor unattractive for dancing. But it is a pleasant surprise to see how well the New London works as an arena stage, with the front rows of seats moved to the far side of the stage. And it was fun to see how well the clowns used the front row of the theatre, with Piecre Picton as a one-man trouge of Keystone Cops, ran-ling round in an exploding Model T Ford and cadging sup-port from a particularly brave

car together.
Mr Dunfield was the other mr Dunneld was the other clown, surrounded by acts like the Wychwoods—who conjure poodles from scarves and glass cages—the aerialist, Miss Kong, from France, jugglers from the Netherlands and bicycle acrobass from Italy. Mr Dunfield's spectacular physical clowning on a diving board over a tramon a diving poard over a train-poline raised suspense, gasps and cheers as well as ample laughter. His disguise as a drunkard might fool some tipsy observers into thinking that fate indeed watches over inebri-ates, but his extructatingly funny pratfalls very nearly save the show.
I am sorry to report that Miss Muffer the elephant failed to make her announced appear-

British singers score in Geneva

Cosi fan tutte

Grand, Geneva

Kenneth Loveland

Strength in characterization is something with which the best British singers are richly endowed, and since this is something Boy Gilbert seeks assiduously in his searching production of Cosi fan Tutte in Geneva, it is no coincidence that had the cast is British. The Fiordiligi of Margaret Price, the Dorebella of Anne Howells and the Ferrando of Ryland Davies all achieve positive impact not only through fine singing, with Miss Price twice stopping the show, but also through sharp delinearion and imaginative blending into a production which places emphasis on gradually deepening endowed, and since this is phasis on gradually deepening emotional shadings.

emotional shadings.

The designer is Toni Businger. It is the fifteenth occasion on which he and Boy Gilbert have collaborated, mostly in Hamburg, though it is Mr Gilbert's first venture into lyric theatre. To project the interplay of characters more definitely, they have reduced sets to an absolute minimum, throwing the conspiracy and its people into brighter relief. Gunther Remert and Leni Baser-Ecsy did something simi-Bauer-Ecsy did something simi-lar in Salzburg in 1960, but there the background was bare, and one could wish that Geneva's collaborators had car-ried the contage of their convictions to this same ultimate

and exits, In a production directed towards belief, it causes its regular suspension.
This, and the view taken of Despina, are the only debit entries. Fears aroused by the description in the programme description in the programme of "Is soubrette Despina" are configured. Turally soubrette Despina ought not to be, and well though Sylvia Geszty sings the role, her appearance throughout in a pair of kinky, knee-high tight fashion boots, given also a tendency to over-extravert inversemation on Miss. extrovert impersonation on Miss Geszty's part, takes the character close to vulgarity, a word which should never in-trude on the mind when Cosi fan tutte is the opera.
On the other hand, Mr Businger's attitude to Don Altonso so admirably assimi-lated and conveyed by Gabriel

kneed and conveyed by Gabriel Bacquier, gives someone we know valid new dimensions. Here is no poised cynic or clever philosopher seeking to score off a quarter of young tovers, but a sympathetic friend our to prepare them for possible distillusionment to possible disillusionment to come and soften the impact Under these conditions and given an artist of Mr Bacquier's refinement, "Tutri accusan" becomes a gentle and compassionate message of contion, preparing us for the iveness which is the

Instead, there is a back-

ground of an elegant garden not overplayed, so the slide and the Bay of Naples, and it down the slope from fidelity is in this that the characters uncomfortable credible, with find the doors for their entries lighting subtleties underlining and exits. In a production Fiordiligi's darkening predictive towards belief in the content of the content o Christof Prick, another Ham

burg regular, soon to become musical director at Karlsruhe, is similarly attentive to ensembles and their exact blend, and to those passages calling for featherweight accompaniment, and L'Orschette de la Suisse Romanda chestre de la Suisse Romand shows a return to something like its traditional form, with some particularly eloquent woodwind playing.

The most assured musical The most assured musical triumph of the evening belongs to Miss Price, with the acrobatic leaps of "Come scoglio" made to sound like the very embodiment of defensive outrage, and those of "Per preta" descriptive of distracted pleasing. Miss Howells, already popular in Genera strength her popular in Geneva ribrough her Octavian and Marguerize (Ber-lioz), provides precisely the right contrast in a sansitively and thoughtfully acted sung study.

ferentiated musically as well as dramatically. Wolfgang Brendel is a Gugirehmo actively abve to the enjoyment of deception, Mr Davies a Ferrando whose more romantic ardour is most beautifully solution, preparing us for the forgiveness which is the opera's culminating message.

Mr Gilbert takes note, too, of the truth that it is the ensembles that are the opera's chief glories, and is careful about their positioning, as in "Soave sia if vento". Parody is around its most beautifully expressed in a dreamy, floating "Un' aura amorosa", his betrayal bittenty projected in a furious "Tradito, schemino". These, indeed, are two of the mast memorable episodes in a revealing production of Cost fan tutte which contains many.



Anne Howells, Margaret Price and Ryland Davies, with Wolfgang Brendel kneeling (back to camera)

A colourful Manchester landlady

This England Thames

Stanley Reynolds

Granada's new This England documentary series started last week with a programme on an all-night disco in Wigan. It had the best rider and runner possible for that track in Norman Swallow, man of the grainy North Country as producer, and Tony Palmer, the rock music man, directing. But

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the programme fell down and now, and what's her name? should have perhaps been shot Flora Robson, got a Dame dead haffway through. It was before her name now and full of tired Orwellian chest-initials after." nuts about Wigan and seemed to have very little to say about the disco which stayed open from midnight on Saturday to 10 am Sunday morning and has a membership of 70,000.

a membership of 70,000.

On Monday, with "House of the Stars", directed by Michael Darlow, This England seemed to run in the opposite direction.

Mrs Alma McKsy, the landlady of the Astra House, a Manchester theatrical digs, was indeed most colourful. She was particularly colourful when she was insisting that her place was was insisting that her place was a registered hotel and nor a theatrical digs. There have been number of famous actors who a number of famous actors who have stayed at her hotel. She listed them, and listed them colourfully too, saying, "Peter Sellers, Michael Caine, Sir John Gielgud, Lew Grade, he's a lord

Joan Baez Hammersmith Odeon

Robert Shelton

Few singers in the popular or classical idiom can summon as much breadth of mood, superb vocalizing or range of humane concerns. Joan Baez need not be typed as an echo of the 1960s alone, for she earns a sort of timeless stature by reflecting today's life and music, foreshadowing tomorrow's while still turning yesterday's rust into diamonds.

This was the sort of recital for which a listener can only say: "Many thanks." Taste, poise, wit, warmth, nostalgia and personal and social comand personal and social com-passion were all in evidence. Expectably, she dedicated songs to victims of repression, in Russia, Chilc and South Africa. Predictably, as well, her identi-fication as a mother and as a partisan of "active non-

staying at Mrs McKay's? "I've never had the pleasure", the saucy comic said, adding, "of staying". One wondered why the stars who had did not appear. More than that, however, was the way the programme ignored Manchester, where old theatres are closing and new ones opening and and new ones opening and where something a bit more interesting sociologically could have been woven round the character of Mrs McKay. The programme should have been more about Manchester. violence" threaded her pro-

Morecambe and Wise stayed there too, but it was only Dickie Henderson who deigned to appear on the programme.

Arthur Askey popped into Mr Henderson's dressing room during the interview. Had Mr

Askey ever had the pleasure of

staying at Mrs McKay's? " Pve

gramme. The old favourites, from "Mary Hamilton" to "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down", were well received. Beer's growing power as a song writer was most visible in "Honest Lullaby", a rouching tribute to her mother and her son. The work and influence of Bob Dylan was represented throughout, in three of his songs and one of hers about him. Her mimicry of Dylan's looks and style won an ovation.

Shining through it all was her untarnished golden voice, still rich with vibrato, strength and purling purity. Her 18 years as a professional singer seem only to have added lustre to that markable voice, and added maturity to her presentation, as well. The evening, the first of three in this venue, closed with "Amazing Grace". "Silent Night" and "We Shall Overcome", a seriand of beauty from one of the incomparable talents of our time.



Sam Goldwyn may have erred

thing is adrift in the narrative

Hans Andersen

Palladium

Irving Wardle Sam Goldwyn took eleven years before agreeing to release the Frank Loesser Hans Andersen songs as the basis for a stage sequel to the Danny Kaye film, and it is lucky for the Palladium management that he is not still around to witness the result of

Never having seen the film, I cannot say whether its mangled story-telling arises from an attempt to stage the original screenplay or from Beverley Cross's unaided invention; but from the first moments tion; but from the first moments where the young shoemaker utters a magic spell over a spot-lit village pump and nothing happens, it is clear that some-

Clothes. It says much for Anthony Valentine's quizzical performance that you are always quite glad to see this meddling intruder. Otherwise, the book leans on Cinderella, with Hans as Buttons pursued by a formidably vulgar Lila Jave; and sets any vingar tha Jave; and sets up a romance with Jenoy Lind, which fact prevents it from consummating.

Tommy Steele has two

scored for two violins, cello,

piano and harmonium, suggests a master quietly amusing him-self with his virtuosity.

After that the programme continued with arrangements. Berg and Webern were repre-

sented by affectionate versions of waltzes by Johann Strauss II they made for a charity concert in the same year of 1921, both using the ensemble of string

quarter, piano and harmonium. The pieces are delightful café music, but I think it will be

going too far to suggest that

one can detect much of the in these curios. Webern does

not attempt a creative analysis of the "Treasure Waltz" from

Hans's work for him, dropping him into the lap of Jenny Lind, getting him out of prison (not and the real story of a would-be tragic dramatist who finds he can do something elso he can do something else rather better never emerges. Sathy Ann Howes's Jenny treats him throughout as if she was being kind to a backward child: the lines give her no alternative. Together, however, they do full justice to numbers like "No Two People", and in the state of the that the show ever explains why he was in to begin with), and supervising his command per-formance of The King's New general the songs go like a house on fire. The production. also by Mr Steele, offers swirling peasant skirts, a filmed gallop to wonderful Copenhagen with everyone clutching pewter tankards, and a black theatre puppet show with ghost train backing.

department. Hans does acquire he appears as a character with a fairy-tale guardian who worries; otherwise, he goes whisks him out of the Odense through the show with his wall-rut; but where it is the proper to-wall grin as a happy-so-

business of guardians to test lucky cobbler and unspoilt the hero's mettle, Otto does all Hans's work for him

Nash Ensemble

St John's/Radio 3

Paul Griffiths

Light music by Schoenberg, Berg and Webern? Yes, that was the programme for Monday's BBC lunchtime recital, given as "A Second Viennese School Christmas Concert". In

fact, the only seasonal item was the opening one, the Christmas Music which Schoenberg wrote in 1921, probably as a companionable piece for domestic celebrations. It is a kind of Brahmsian chorale prefude on the carol "Es ist ein' Ros' ent-sprungen ", to which Schoen-berg adds "Stille Nacht" as counter-subjects, characteris- Women and Song ". It seems so, tically noting a link between the two tunes. The whole thing, Schoenberg's secondhand

The Gypsy Baron though per-haps Berg does bring an aching personal nostalgia to "Wine, Women and Song". It seems so,

There were fine things in Miss Price's Schubert group too.

These are among the sins of his youth, work undertaken simply to keep himself alive, and their musical interest is zero. That is not the case, however, with his transcription of specific 1 leave 5 services II. of another Johann Strauss II, the Emperor Waltz. This was made in 1925 to fill out the touring programme, which included Pierrot lungire, and it

contributions to the concert

included his four-hand arrange-

ments of the overture and cava-

tina from The Barber of Seville.

the strings increased to a quar-tet. Subtly and delectably scored, it is a homage by Schoenberg to a minor but not negligible side of his Viennese heritage. Probably he and his pupils took as much pleasure in paying these tributes as the Nash Ensemble did in playing them. Don't miss the recording on Christmas Eve.

Patricia Price Purcell Room

Joan Chissell

Though born in Cheshire and trained in Manchester, Patricia Price, the mezzo-soprano, won the first of her several notable cital for the Kirckman Society on Monday she was partnered by two Australians, Geoffrey Parsons, needing no introduc-tion, and Keith Crellin, the viola player, who is on the staff of the Tasmanian Conserva-

The viola in this context of

the kind of voice Brahms loved, dark but warm and glowing. She has mellowness of feeling to match, and moulded his melody lovingly as well as smoothly. Voice and viola could not have been more sympathetically intertwined.

It was good to hear warmth combined with such incisive strength of projection in "Dem Unendlichen" while at the opposite extreme she found the calm, sustained line for "Meeresstille". But An Sylvia" was rather serious.

Apart from singing in German she gave us Tchalkovsky course means Brahms, whose in Russian, Rossini in Italian

two, songs with viola obbligato and Obradors in Spanish. Tchai-were among the best things in kovsky's melancholy and nos-

the programme. Miss Price has talgia suited her best, eliciting some strongly dramatic sing-ing: it was no surprise to read notable stage success with that

composer.
Good as it was to hear Rossini's La Regata Venezianna cycle carefully sung instead of merely characterized, here Miss Price seemed to miss some necessary spontaneity and gaiety. Even "Villanelle" at the start of the four songs chosen from Berlioz's nuits d'été needed a little more of a serile in the miss European smile in the voice. For Obradors she found tone in turn sultry, falling back on mere coquetry. Geoffrey Parsons played with great immediacy and imagination, always trying to draw ber

London debuts

Kirckman Concert Society by as varied in colour in response the prize-winning young Japan- to detailed imagery, nor her ese soprano, Mitsuko Shirai, line quite as clear-cut. But the with her equally young husband, Hartmut Höll, as a true keyboard partner. In the first behind it, especially in the price she modules bytely fluid middle register. Increasingly place she produces lovely fluid tone throughout a wide compass, tone of body as well as radiance, able to meet climaxes with an intensity that one day will sarely serve her well in

opera too.

Berg and Webern, no less than Schubert and Wolf, found

was as warm as the feeling behind it, especially in the middle register. Increasingly she responded to atmosphere ness.
and mood, with particularly The week's visitor in the persuasive results in Britten's Friday guitar series at Wig.;
On this Island cycle and more Hall was Jukka Savijoki,
Verdi's melting "Deh, Pie- a young Finnish artist of the toso ".

The Dutch pianist, Alwin Bar, kept us waiting till Schumann's C major Fantasy at the end of his recital in the Netherlands than Schubert and Wolf, found her as imaginative as she was stylish, Wolf, monopolizing her second half, elicited outstandingly rich emotional response, with all the vocal colour to uphold it, besides a natural charm in characterization.

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There was much to enjoy from the Welsh soprano, tal. But it was the depth and Kathryn Harries, too, in a programme with Clara Taylor at this great love poem that the piano including quasi-operatic Mozart and Versi as well as Lieder and song.

Teal worth. The combination of His well-balanced programme included Fricker's Paseo. Op 61, and Bergman's Midnight, Op 83, the latter most notably demonstrating his sensitive control of exploratory sound effects. For Bach and Buxte-this great love poem that the piano including quasi-operatic Mozart and Versi as well as Lieder and song.

Because she followed so soon Florestan and the Eusebius in Falla.

Joan Chissell

Not for a long time have I after Miss Shirai it was impos- Schumann. So sharp were his enjoyed a debut more than the sible not to notice that her contrasts that the first move-Lieder recital given for the tone was not quite as limpid or ment scarcely cohered. Earlier ment scarcely cohered. Earlier he played Chopin's first Impromptu too fast for clarity, while the A flat Ballade was more excitable than courtly. But his impression bility served Albeniz well even the result-ing moments of tonal harsh-

> a young Finnish artist of the kind able to increase respect for this often maligned instrument. He was a musician to his fingertips, serious and dedicated, with an uncommonly well disciplined technique as base. His well-balanced programme included Fricker's Paseo, Op

February at the National Theatre

The National Theatre's next Yasha, and Dorothy Tutin as production in the open stage of Mme Ranevskaya, Peter Hall February 15 is preceded by previews on February 11, 13 Olivier Theatre is a new translation by Michael Frayn, commissioned by the NT of Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard, opening on February 14 (not January 31 as previously an Cottesloe, of nounced). The previews are on February 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and

Judi Bowker appears as Anya, Albert Finney as Lopakhin, Susan Fleetwood as Varya, Nicky Henson as Yepikhodov, Ben Kingsley as Trofimov, Susan Littler as Dunyasha, Ralph Richardson as Firs, Terence Rigby as Pishchik, Helen Ryan Rigby as Pishchik, Helen Ryan Spriggs in the same port). The as Charlotta, Robert Stephens stage adaptation is commissas Gayev, Derek Thompson as sioned by the NT.

The day after the opening of The Cherry Orchard comes the British stage premiere, in the NT's small auditorium, the Cottesloe, of Arnold Wesker's Love Letters on Blue Paper, with Kenneth Cranham, Michael Gough, and Elizabeth Spriggs. The author directs, and the designer is Bernard Culshaw.
Arnold Wesker originally wrote Love Letters on Blue Paper as a short story, and later it was broadcast as a play on BBC Television (with Elizabeth

The Cottesloe opening on , and 14. Julian Mitchell's new play

Half-Life, at present in the Cottesloe repertoire, is to transfer to the West End for a limited run. It will open at the Duke of York's Theatre on March 2 with—as now—Isabel Dean, Avril Elgar, John Gielgud, Hugh Paddick and Richard Pearson in Waris Hussein's production.

The Cottesloe Theatre is to stage in February a number of public workshop productions—nickets 50p—of new plays and rehearsed readings. Details will be announced later.

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Liverpool's scheming triumphs over Coventry's hard work

Coventry City 0

Liverpool 2 Liverpool, who have really mcommon devotion to the Football League Cup as a com-petition, channelled most of their petition, channelled most of their wide experience into a shrewdly won fourth-round replay at High-field Road last night. They were prepared to defend a small gain against the power of Coventry City's new determination to go forward in force, and whenever they chose to attack they offered more ideas than Coventry could more ideas than Coventry could offer for all their more vigorous

As well as, for them, the alarmlng thought that this might be
their only trophy of the season,
should Nottingham Forest achieve
the double that they threaten,
Liverpool had the incentive of a
goal in only the fifth minute.
Coventry justifiably looked hurt
and became increasingly aware
that their error would not be
easily overcome. easily overcome.

easily overcome.

Liverpool, without Jones, rearranged their defence with
Hughes taking an orthodox leftback position and allowing Hansen
to replace him alongside Thompson in the centre of the line.
Although he was later to find the
tempo in the penalty area too fast
to show him at his cool best,
Hansen did lay the first stone
in the move that gave Liverpool
their rousing send-off and, ultimately, security.

In a spot of trouble on the left side of the penaity area, Hansen still played a daring pass back towards his own goal, but it was well indiged and Thompson sup-ported him well by furrying out to

Pearson and Channon may be out of action

Stuart Pearson, the Manchester United forward who limped out of the gante with Noningham Forest on Saturday with an ankle strain, is causing a problem for the United manager, Dave Sexton. "Stuart could be struggling to make our holiday games", he said.

Meanwhile there is better news of Martin Buchan, who jarred his knee in a reserve match at Everton this week. Mr Sexton said: "I don't think it is serious.

Buchan's appearance was lesigned to give him some match Said Buchan: "The knee is sore but it's too soon to say how serious, I will have to wait before I know the full extent." Manchester City may be without their £300,000 striker Channon for

their E300,000 striker Channon for the Christmas programme. Channon strained a hamstring in training and is doubtful for the matches at home to Newcastle and at Middlesbrough.

The manager, Tony Book, said:
"We hope it is a strain and not a tear. Hamstring injuries can be difficult and we shall have to see what progress he makes."
Hastings United, of the Southern League, have heen expelled from the FA Trophy and face disciplinary action by the Football Association for fielding an ineligible player in the third qualifying round ite against Maidstone United. The match was qualifying round tie against Maidstone United. The match was drawn, but Hastings won replay, 2—0.
The player concerned were

The player concerned was a goalkeeper, but and FA have been unable to find out who he was. An FA spokesman said: "We take a very serious view of this. Hastings are a senior club and full members of the Football Association.

FA CUP: Second round replay: Scarborough & Crewe. SCOTTISH CUP: First round replay: Rugby Union

Rugby Correspondent

With two players dispatched

from the field in a leading club

came last weekend, and with

touches of moybem apparent in recent inter-divisional matches

another rugby year seems to be

drawing to a close on an un-

seasonably sour note. Is there

more foul play than there used

to be, or is it just less furtive

and unashamed, its impact mag-

nified by the effect of tele-vision? Whatever the answer to that may be, are the disciplinary procedures, and the spirit with which they are interpreted ade-quate to deal with the problem?

One who thinks they are not is Plullp Davies, now headmaster of Chektenham College junior school, who, in company with Jeffrey Butterfield, provided England and the British Lions with a famous combination are contraction.

combitation at centre in the 1950s. He believes that the game has become faster more skilled and more frenzied—lending itself to increasing gamesmanship and foul play—but that the disciplin-

ary procedures have lagged behind.
"Except in the most severe cases", he suggests, "it is no use a county calling up a posse of baddies for summary punishment without right of appeal. The modern based of the county calling the post of the modern based of the county of

ern player has scant respect for such a distant 'alickadoo' autho-

rity, and there is no benefit for

Today's football

take the pass and give Kennedy possession. A fine ball inside to Dalgish and another one to Case split the Coventry defence into two helpless compariments and Case's powerful shot, rising over Blyth, was a cheerful reminder of what he used to do more regularly.
Coventry's sharp speed to the
ball gave them enough possession
to retrieve the shuarion, but to

complete their work proved an impossible problem. Graydon's persistent and acourate centres from the right and Hutchison's nagging on the left public Neal and Hughes wide and kept them occupied, but Ferguson and Wallace in the reguson and Wallace in the middle were enable to capitalize. Perhaps they had a case for a penalty when Hansen brought down Wallace after himself being tempted into indiscretion by Thompson's soft back-pass. Ferguson was also unfortunate when numpson's surt orac-pass, rergu-son was also unfortunate when hitting the post from Graydon's in-vitingly rolled square pass, and even Wallace's neat twist and strong shot past Clemence was denied by the referee who was not forgiven by the crowd.

Coventry mustered attacks throughout the first half, but not throughout the first half, but not with the composure frequently seen this season. Liverpool were far from serene themselves on occasions, but when they broke across the halfway line there was usually space available and they used it successfully. A tendency to speculate with Fairclough's speed in pursuit of the long pass, however, was largely ineffective. The frustration in seeming to be in permanent occupation of The trustration in seeming to be in permanent occupation of their opponent's half cost Coven-try some self control. Yorath lunged at Kennedy. Case lunged at Yorath. Case's name was taken, but soon the referee was taking

After monopolizing play for almost all of the first half Swansea had to walt for a winning goal nine minutes from the end from Moore before qualifying for a third round FA Cup tie at Walsall.

Portsmouth, in the lower regions of the third division, were fourth division opponents until the interval

but Swansea could score only once, and that an "own" goal when Denyer tried to cut out a cross and the ball skidded into the net off his head.

Portamouth played with much more determination in the second

more determination in the second half and equalized through Foster. Eleven minutes later however a shot by James hit the post and, from the rebound, Moore shot the

The position was vacated by Bill

Interposition was vacated by Bill McGarry, now with Newcastle United last summer, and Alien was approached at the weekend, and hopes to see Crown Prince Faisal about the job. It is reported that the post is worth £100,000 tax free for 18 months.

Allet has been managing West Bromwich since taking over from Johnny Glies six months ago with-

He and the club chairman, Bert

Millichip, met this week and West Bromwich have indicated that they are willing to offer a contract but

Making punishment fit the crime

He urges, therefore, that instant rough justice should be available, referees having the power to send off players for a cooling-off period. This of course is a system that has proved viable in other games such as ice hockey. Moreover the "sin bin" is no new idea. It is one that the international board have

bin" is no new idea. It is one that the international board have always rejected.

Davies likes the idea because the villains will be judged by those they respect—the team mates they let down." He thinks,

too, that players normally would be "cooled off" in pairs—on the theory that the one who trig-gered off retaliation (if he can be detected) is just as guilty as the one who reacts in a violent manner.

On a less discordant note, there is news of a special match at Twickenham, on March 22, between St Luke's college and an International XV gathered together by Don Rutherford. St Luke's are shortly to lose their identity, being marced, ander the

identity, being merged, under the title of the School of Education, with Exeter University. From Sep-

tember next year all their teams will play under the banner of the university.

Martin Underwood, senior lec-

out a contract.

Allen flies to Middle

East to discuss future

Ron Allen, the 47-year-old manager of West Bromwich Albion. flew out to the Middle East yesterday to discuss an offer of national team manager in Soudi Mr Millichip yesterday conditional team manager in Soudi

Peterborough 2

Swansea get late winner

after early domination



to do more regularly. a more physical line, breaking up a small battle that raged over the prostrate Clemence, who emerged counting his bruised fingers. But with Kennedy and McDa counting his bruised fingers. But with Kennedy and McDermott retreating almost the whole time, Liverpool could withstand the charges, and after 80 minutes they did exactly what they had often suggested was likely.

Another fast and penetrating breakaway from Hughes's clearance had covered 30 yards before Coventry realized the danger. Heighway moved lightly along the

money-spinning FA Cup meeting at hom to the first division club. Newscastle United, scoring his first goal of the season in the second round replay against Gillingham.

Carmichael, who had previously scored only five times in six years at Peterborough, volleyed in from 20 yards after 64 minutes when the Gillingham goalkeeper, Hillyard, punched out a corner.

Gillingham failed to get back into the game and Sargent made Peterborough's place in the next round safe with a neady tagen second goal four minutes from

Earlier Peterborough looked as if they might regret their missed chances by McEwan and Turner.

Although Westwood threatened for Gillingham in the early stages he suffered from lack of support and the quality of Gillingham's build-up in attack deteriorated as

een told that if he wants a

contract, he can have one.

left wing and laid on an ideally placed pass to Dalglish whose shot was firm, accurate and took Liver-pool nearer to the final of one of the few events they have not won. In the quarter-final round they will be away to Wrexham.

COVEMENT COTY: J. Blyth: G. Ookey. R. McDonald, T. Yorgib, B. Roborts, M. Coop, R. Graydon, B. Wallace, M. Ferguson, G. Powell, T. Hutchison.

LIVERPOOL; R. Clemente; P. Neal, A. Hanon, P. Thompson, R. Kennedy, E. Heighway, D. Yair-Clo Gh, J. Case.

Roferes: C. Thomas (Treorchy).

Beckenbauer's World Cup chances recede

Frankfurt, Dec 20.—Fram Beckenbauer, who signed for New Munich, during the American foot-ball winter break. The West Ger-man Football Federation (DFB)

announced this decision today.

The DFB's league committee said after a meeting here that Beckenbauer's application to join 1860, city rivals of his old club Bayern Munich, arrived too late. Beckenbauer, a former West German captain, wanted to play for 1860 for nine matches in January and February when there is no professional league football in the United States. 1860 are at the bottom of the 18-club German first division.

The DFB's decision is a blow to his chances of returning to the West German team which will defend the World Cup in Argentina next June. He has been dropped from the national side since moving to the United States.

Results yesterday League Cup

Fourth round replay Coventry (0) 0 Liverpool (1) 2 36,105 Case Dalgiish Wheners away to Wresham

FA Cup

Second round replays Peterboro (0) 2 Gillingham (0) Carmichael 8,540
Saruent er (og) Foster Loore 7.000 Winners away to Walsell

"We have offered him a con-tract, which I understand would be acceptable to him, but he has had a famastic offer. There is no way any club could compete with that. SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division, south: Poole O. Salisbury 1. North: Bromsgrove 1. Enderty D. STHIMLAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Enfeld 2. Borotham Wood O: First division: Hord 1. Hornchurch 1. Mr Millichip referred to the mr Military referred to the criticism that Allen was not given a contract when he took over from the player-manager. Johnny Giles, in June. "Mr Allen, at his request, did not have a contract. This was mutually agreed", he said. RUGEY UNION: Schools match: St Durstan G. Wretin 29.

Manager of

England

in surprise

resignation

Three months before the World Cup tournament in Argentina, the

England hockey team suddenly finds itself without a manager. The resignation of lan Taylor in

circumstances unprecedented in English hockey was amounced yesterday. His successor has not

yet been appointed.

Three touring'boys' given their chance to be kings for a day

next Monday, Inessay and Wed-nesday it is intended to give priority to the Test players. When there is so much watching to be done, and so little playing, time can hang heavily on a young player's hands. It is important for them to become involved in

some way, even if it is only taking out the drinks

Boycott's involvement this morn-ing amounted to his going to the

Gymkhana ground to arrange some

nets for tomorrow. Being a religi-ous holiday there will be no one

From John Woodcock Lahore, Dec 20

For their next game, a one-day international " against Pakistan at Sahiwal on Friday, the England eleven will include all those players who were not in the side for the first Test. There are four one-day games on the tour, to be played over 35 eight-ball overs with the bowlers operating off a restricted run-up. The touring side's suggestion that the overs should be reduced to 30 and the run-ups not reduced at all was

yet been appointed.

Afthough the Hockey Association emphasized that Mr Taylor's resignation was unrelated to the recent tour of India, he is of the opinion that the two events cannot be dissociated. "One or two people sitting in judgment over me are the ones responsible for putting me in a difficult sinuation", he said yesterday. He was referring to that part of the tour of India, before the Nehrn tournament, for which the arrangements for transport, food and accommodation were so bad It will make the three-hour drive to Sahiwai worthwhile to see Gatting, Botham and Downton, the three "boys" in actiod. Gatting will bat at number three and Botham at seven. For anyone not in the Test side there is all too little cricket in Pakistan. In New Zeakand there will be more, but until the team move on In New Zeziann there will be more, but until the team move on there on January 24 all Downton and Garting, for example, can expect to get are the one-day match against a Punjab eleven at Phonoscipus and accommodation were so bad that the players endured con-siderable hardship.

siderable hardship.

"Naturally I am disappointed", he said, "but I am quite happy to resign". He deplored the acceptance of a tour without a proper itinerary and added that in his report to the emergency committee of the HA he had recommended an apology to the players for having been put into an "impossible situation". He concluded by saying that he had given a lot of his time to his task and would have to direct his energy now in some other direction.

Mr Taylor's withdrawal from the scene seems to be somewhat ill-timed, coming as it does soon after the HA have made an official complaint to the inter official complaint to the inter-national authorities and the Indian Hockey Federation about the poor arrangements for the Indian tour. The Indian hockey team, however, have been invited to play in the international festival at Lord's on March 11 and

Since his appointment as the England team manager in April, 1976, Mr Taylor has taken teams to Amsterdam, West Germany and India. Under his guidance the anti initia. Other in gustame the team's best achievement was a 2—1 victory over West Germany in Amsterdam. England finished runners-up to Border Security Force in the Nehru tournament, which was a fairly good perform-ance. They were beaten 1—0 in the final.

Apart from purting a great deal of effort into his work Mr Taylor established good relations with the press. One hopes that his successor will adopt the same policy. The official statement from the

"The Hockey Association regret to announce today the resignation of Mr I. D. N. Taylor as England's team manager, a position he has held since April, 1976. This announcement is unrelated to the match arrangements for the Indian tour about which the honorary match and fixture secretary has now submitted a detailed report with recommendation to the executive committee of the HA. " The Hockey second race of the Southern Cross series, sponsored by Hitachi, to-day, with first, second and fourth placings. Jemy H. skippered by New Zealand's Ray Hasler, won from Smir-Noff-Agen piloted by Don Lidgard, also of New Zealand, by Just 52 seconds.

A Victorian yacht, B195, piloted by Ton Stenham.

"This report follows on assurances given by the honorary match and fixture secretary to team players and officials on the recent tour, and implicit in it is the resignation of the honorary match and fixture secretary should the executive committee not be satisfied with his handling of the "The new England team man-

ager will be appointed as soon as possible. However, for the remainder of the season, Mr D. Cawthorn will be acting team manager of the England indoor team. Taylor for the enormous amount of hard work, time and effort be has given unstindingly over the past 20 months as manager of the

NEW DELKI: Charity match: India 1,

England team."

Yachting

big lead

Snooker

NZ team takes in second race

Kingdom professional mooker title earlier this mouth battles against three world champions in a one-day tournament Wembley Conference Centre today. The London-based Irishman neets the current world title-bolder, John Spencer, in the first semi-final. The other is between Ray Reardon and Alex Higgins.

Each match will be the best of seven frames and there is an additional prize of £50,000 for any player who makes a break of 147.

ice hockey

For the three-day match against who plays off five, and Ken Barthe Habib Bank here in Lahore rington, who hits his irons like a next Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday it is intended to give only two to do so, though Boxcott. only two to do so, though Boycott, when he applies himself, can strike the ball well with an iron. Once, when we were spending Christmas in Hobart. I remember Boycott saying how well it would have suited him to be a golfer; better, in fact, than being a cricketer, hecause of being able to go off and practice alone. He loves practice and it takes three or four people to have a good net. to have a good net.

ous holiday there will be no one there to lay things on, but the matter was well within the vice-captain's scope, quite apart from being near to his heart. Most of the party have been engaged today in a pitch-and-putt competition on the hotel's little course. Although it is an expanding game fewer cricketers play golf now, at any rate at this level, than used to. In 1950-51 most of Freddy Brown's side in Australia made for the course when they could. In 1958-59 half a dozen of Peter May's side had single-figure handicaps. Cricket exchange

Cricket's first exchange "deal" involving the Surrey fast bowler, Geoffrey Arnold, and the Sussex batsman Roger Knight came clover to completion yesterday. Sussex have endorsed the action taken by the contraction of the Powler the chairman, Tony Crole Rees, in agreeing with his Surrey counterpart Rama Subba Row that Arnold and Knight should switch

JOHANNESBURG: Curre Cup: West-rm Province. 175 N. Jet PS west-Notice of the Community of

India collapse after record stand

Perth, Australia, Dec 20.—A dra-matic collapse by India after cen-turies by Gavaskar and Amarnath turies by Gavaskar and Amariani part Australia back in the game on the fourth day of the second Test here today.

After the Indians appeared in an invincible position at 240 for one, eight wickers tumbled for 90 runs and the captain, Bedi, declared.

Chandrasekhar had received one

declared.

Chandrasekhar had received one fiery delivery from Thomson and Bedi then closed the imnings to save him from risk of injury.

India struck back seven minutes before the close. Dyson, on four pushed forward to Bedi and popped a catch to Vengsarkar at silly Tomorrow Serjeant (9) and the nightwatchman, Mann (6) will resume with the team needing 314 more runs in 360 minutes for

victory.

The wicketkeeper, Rixon, will have a badly bruised hand X-rayed to ascertain whether any bone is to accreain whence my broken.
Gavaskar and Amarnath were India's heroes today, with Gavaskar bitting a brilliant 127 and Amarnath a resolute 100.

Sydney, December 20.—The New Zealand team of centre board yachts took a 45-point lead in the second race of the Southern Cross

by Tom Stephens, was 25min 30sec behind in third place, ahead of the New Zealand half tonner, Swuzzle Bubble, skippered by Ian Gibbs, in fourth place. The European Economic Community team has two yachts in the first 10 with the two tonner, Pints (William)

Illbruck) fifth and the half tonner. Silver Shamrock (Harry Cudmore)

Skiing

fastest

Klammer is

in practice

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Dec 20,—
The defending downhill World Cup
champion, Franz Klammer of Austria, and the Italian Herbert Plank,
winner of Sunday's downhill at Val
Gardena, clocked the fastest times
today in two unofficial training
runs for another downhill event in
two days' time. Klammer had a
time of imin 52.88sec in the first
run, followed by Canada's Ken
Read in 1min 53.88sec and Plank
in 1min 54.02sec.
Plank was fastest in the second
run, clocking 1min 53.98sec, Norway's Etic Haker was second best
in 1min 53.99sec and Stephen Podborsky, of Canada, was third in
1min 54.04sec. Klammer, obviously
taking it easy to study the track
and confuse rivals, was tenth in
this heat in 1min 54.98sec.—UPI.

ALPE D'HUEZ: Women's giant sinium: 1, F. Serra! (France) 3min 15.73ec; 2, L.M. Morerod (Switzer-land), 2min 15.78ec; 3, V. Flecken-stein (US) 2min 15.78ec; 4 C. Cooper (US): 2min 17.75ec; 5, P. Peton (France). 2min 18.46ec.

Cycling
MAASTRICHT (Netherlands): Siz.
day race: Fourth day; 1. E. Pilnen
and Edipts: 2. D. Alem and D. Clark
(Anstraith): 370pts: 3. E. Mercks and
P. Serte (Beigimm), 451pts; 4. W.
Pellyen and A. Fritz (WG), 374pts;
D. G. Restemann (Netherlands) and
U. Hemnel (WG) at one lop, 444pts;
D. G. Braun (WG) and R. Schullen
(Netherlands), at two laps, 514pts.

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Their colleagues caved in against the left hander, Gaunon. He had figures of none for 63, then took four wickets in 29 balls to fluish with four for 77 off 18 overs. with four for 77 off 18 overs.

Gamon took two wickets in the space of four balls in his 15th over and again in his 18th over.

Gamon, who is 30 and playing in his first test, bad Vengsarkar caught at sitp and trapped Kirmani three balls later. In the second lethal hurst he had Venkataraghavan also taken by the lone slip. Hughes, and later in the over

gnavan also taken by the lone ship-Hughes, and later in the over bowled Patel round his legs. Earlier Gavaskar and Amarnath piled on 193 for the second wicket —a record Indian partnership against Australia for any wicket.
Gavaskar made good his third
100 in successive Tests—starting
with one against England in Bombay—but when he had batted for
270 minutes he got an inside edge
to a ball from Clark. His 127 included 20 fours, some hit with
effortless grace as he danced down
the wicket to drive the spin
bowlers.

bowlers.

"Amarnath took 264 minutes to reach his 100—his first Test century—and then edged Simpson's leg spin to Rixon. Following his

first innings 90 it was a fine con-tribution, though it included only four boundaries. AUSTRALIA: Fürst linnings, 394 (18 mpson 176, J. Dyson 63, S. Rixol Second Innungs
Dyson, c Vengsarkar, b Bedi
Serjaant, not out
Mann, not out
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Total (1 whi) FALL OF WICKET: 1—15.

BOWLING (to dair). Madan Lel.

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2—0—6—0. thOba: First Innings, 402 M.
Amarrath SO. C. Chauhan 88: J.
Thomson 4 for 101.
Thomson 5 Second Innings
S. Gavaskar, b Clark 12.
C. Cheuhan c Oglivic, b Thomson 100
G. Viswanath, c Rixon, b Sampon 100
G. Viswanath, c Rixon, b Clark 1
D. Vengsackar, c Hughea, b
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Fagan takes on three world champions Patsy Fagan, winner of the

The winners will then meet for a top prize of £2,000, with £1,000 going to the runner-up. Beaten semi-finalists will collect £500

Boxing

Board against televising of world title bouts

The British Boxing Board of Control have come down firmly against live televising of world champlonship bouts in this country. After interviewing a thousand licence holders of various cate-ories—promoters, marchmakers. gories—promoters, matchmakers, boxers and managers—the board's television committee have recom-mended that their no television policy should remain unchanged. This has been endorsed by the full board.

Consideration will be given to applications for "delayed tele-vision", as happened when John Conteh's world light-heavyweight championship contest in Liverpool last March, which was shown nationally one hour after it took place. There is no objection to a world title bout at home being televised abroad. The board have also stipulated that boxers should not have contracts with television companies and confirm their policy that British championships and chief contests at leading sites will not be televised live.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Bives 1. Toronto Maple Leafs 4. Latest European snow reports

Piste 80 Fair Spring skiing conditions

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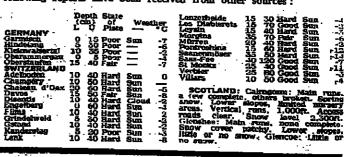
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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower stopes and U to upper stopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



Tom Bombadil profits by rival's blunder

While the Jockey Club were amounting plans for a new British racing anthority. Jessica White, the daughter of the senior steward Lord Howard de Weiden, was watching ber seven-year-old Tom Bombadil win the Stooeleigh the smaller obstacles for the first partnered him to land the Warwick watching to the smaller obstacles for the first partnered him to land the Warwick

Handicap Steeplechase at War-wick yesterday.

Tom Bombadd, bought in Ire-land by her trainer Tim Forster, two years ago to replace Skibble, who was killed when racing at Notingham, had lock on his side, for there was little to choose befor there was little to choose berween Mrs White's Chestout and
King Shaw at the last fence. A
bad blunder sealed King Shaw's
fate and Graham Thorner rode out
Tom Bombadil for a victory by two
and a half lengths from Flingrove.
The Forster representative, Deep
Memories, in the Shirley Novices'
Steeplechase, was not so fortunate.

Ber under rules.

Brantridge Farmer, reverting to the smaller obstacles for the first time for nearly three years, made every yard of the running to win the Upton Hambicous Hurdle. He had little difficulty in lighting off Major Role two flights out, and that rival had to give second place to Louis Lesand on the run-in. to Lyns Legend on the run-in. Although the nine-year-old Brantridge Farmer has won a

number of steepherinses, he never really took to fences as expected and it will not be supprising if Fulke Walwyn's charge is now kept to hurding. The Forster representative, Deep Memories, in the Shirley Novices' Steepiechase, was not so fortusate. He was favourite, made a mistake at the water, broke a blood vessel and had to be pulled up. The race developed into a sustained duel between Governors Last and Snowshill Sailor. Governors Last held a fractional advantage on landing over the last fence, and like Royal-Frolic was when he was

partnered him to land the Warwick Handicap Steeplechase. The eight-year-old outjumped Galloway Edition and Ballinonig three fences out and draw away to give Brown his twenty-stard riding success. He needs only one more winner for his claim to be reduced to 31b. to 316.
Gold Lad, who is blind in one

previous strengths, though with considerably reduced numbers. Old students will be relieved to hear that physical education will continue to flourish even though the yearly intake will be restricted to an elite of 30 main students, together with a second main contingent. turer in physical education at the college, and himself a former England wing, rightly says that St Luke's are proud of the 39 internationals and counties trials and county players who have been the referee in wasting his time when be is thought, anyway, to

Blackheath without Bignell for holidays Blackheath expect to be with-ut Bignell, their number eight, only other regular members of elected for England's final trial the Moseley first team on view cam, for both their Christmas will be the half backs, Cooper out Bignell, their number eight, selected for England's final trial team, for both their Christmas holiday games at Nottingham and Birmingham. Also out of consideration is the reserve full back. sideration is the reserve full back. Kloble, who broke a leg in last Sunday's Kent Cup tie against Sideup in which Bignell suffered a back injury. However, the captain, Williamson, is available as are the regular half backs, Siater and Hartley.

Blackheath go to Nottingham for

Moseley will field a mixture of first and second team players for their home game against Birm-inghum at the Reddings on Saturday. Meanwell, the full

and Gifford and forwards, Trevor Corless and B. Ayre. Centres Barrie Corless and Swan are away for the holiday, the cap-

tain, Warren, has influenza and both wingers. Beddowes and Thomas are injured. Bail, who starred in London's victory over the South in the divisional trial last week, misses Wasps London merit table clash against Saracens at Southgate on Saturday, Ball has returned home to Lancashire for Christmas and

his place at stand-off half is taken by Waldron. by Waldron.
Conner, who also played for
London, returns at scrum half and
French resumes at centre after
recovering from a leg injury. Ivor

Jones, on holiday from Lough-borough College where he plays as a flank forward, is included at lock and Rob Smith returns to the back row after injury.

a fitting climax to a distinguished if rather brief history, will be as well supported as it deserves to be.

morning of the big game.

Two former England forwards, who between them boast 33 caps, return after injury to boost Richmond against Harlequins at Twickenham. Raiston has been out since November 2 with a dislocated shoulder and the loose forward Rollim missed last week's game at Blackheath with a damaged collar bone. Humphreys and Greenwood step down. Harlequins welcome back Bushell, Wood, D. A. Cooke, D. H. Cooke and Alexander from the divisional game at Twickenham, but will be without Claxton, who is not available. The All Black, Whiting, is included and will clash with his old adversary, Raiston.

Maltby keeps his head to wear down Worlidge Lillyman looked as if he were grasping the problem in the second game when he kept the ball down the walls, denying Sutton the chance of using the side walls which at times he did most cleverly. But Lillyman's game slipped at 12—9 in the third game, his play becoming loose, especially on the backhand. And towards the end of the close-fought game he hit down on several important points. The No 1 seed, R. G. P. Ellis By Our Rackets Correspondent

through their hands. Three members of last summer's Lions side—John Bevan, David Burcher, and Jeffrey Squire—were St Luke's men and others to represent their countries last season were Michael Rafter and Michael Siemen (England) and Frank Wilson (Ireland). Peter Horton, of Australia makes yet another.

St Luke's, of course, also have By Our Rackets Correspondent
W. J. Maltby, Wellington's top
player, put one of Mariborough's
two representatives out of the
H. K. Foster Cup the schools
rackets singles championship, and
Radley's C. J. Sutton dealt with
the other at Queen's Club yesterday. J. C. Spurling (Tonbridge)
played despite a damaged eye and
was altogether too powerful for
M. J. A. Macdonell (Winchester).
Malthy stage of limb outch makes yet another.

St Luke's, of course, also have an enviable record in the seven-aside game, having won the Middlesex tournament in 1957 and 1969, and in 1953-54 they became the first club to score 1,000 points in a season. Statistics such as these merely underline what a fertile nursery of taleut St Luke's rugby teams have been. One hopes that the memorial game at Twickenham, a fitting climax in a distinguished M. J. A. Macdonell (Winchester).

Malthy, spare of limb, quick, eager and spirited, won the best march of the day beating C. F. Worlidge (Markorough) after tosing the first two games and recovering from 4—11 in the final by 10—15, 13—18, 15—10, 15—3, 15—11. It was one of those matches which spectators telt he would win if he could keep his head and not have too many patches of careless play. He was the better player technically and, at his best the more positive in attack. St Luke's are sure that all former students will rally to the cause and they hope that school-masters especially will do their utmost to organize parties of boys, and perhaps arrange matches against London schools on the morning of the becomes attack.
Worlidge was sound when win-Underwood stresses that the effect of the merger will leave the college functioning with all its previous strengths, though with considerably reduced numbers. Old

Worlidge was sound when winning, his backhand being his
strongest weapon. But his service
was only modest and he did not
move so easily as his rival. His
game crumbled in the fourth game
which Malthy won in one hand
including eight winning services.
He made the most of a spell of
mis-hitting by Malthy in the lifth
but followed with one of his own.
From 4-11 Malthy went to 13—11
in one hand including six service
winners.

Sutton, a stocky figure with a far from natural rackets style, but with a fine sense of how to use the court, beat S. J. Lillyman by 15-7, 9-15, 15-12, 15-13. The loser had some excuse in that he arrived from an intensive four-day hockey course. That showed how difficult it is to play two games well simultaneously unless you are a player like D. G. Thomas (Harrow).

6-0 in the third.

R. K. FOSTER CUP: First round:
R. G. F. Ellis (Hadleybury) beat
A. G. T. Spoper (Hadleybury)
Dov. S. J. Lillyman (Hadleybury)
Li-7. 9-15. 15-12. 16-13.
N. E. C. Barham (Elon) beat 1. A.
Anton (Rugby) 15-9. 15-6.
15-13. 15-12. 1. T. G. Thomas
Harryw) beat G. De Lobbalter
(Harryw) beat G. De Lobbalter
(Harryw) 15-10-16 (Matvin 15-7)
A. J. B. McCoandt (Matvin 15-7)
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A. J. B. McCoandt (Matvin 15-7)
Li-5. 15-11; J. C. Spuring (Tonbridge) beat M. J. A. Macdonel
(Winchester), 10-15, 13-18, 15-10.

(Winchester), 15-5, 10-8, 15-9,
NCLEDOM-WEBSER CUP: Second RENNY CUP: P. Clarke (Malvern)
bea D F. S. Mülleam (Rusby).
15-5. 16-7: P. G. C. Mallinson
Weilington) beat C. B. R. Pichet
(Halleybury). 17-15. 15-7: D. J. P.
Noore (Halleybury). 15-3. 16-8.

The No 1 seed, R. G. P. Ellis (Halleybury) celebrated his seventeenth birthday with a clear-cut win over A. G. T. Pepper (Radley), A. J. B. McDonald gained a surprisingly easy win over D. J. C. Faber (Etn), whose play was tragically fragile, scoring at one time 15 successive points from 6—6 in the third.

M. K. EDSTER CHE: First round.

Gerulaitis is top seed Melbourne, Dec 20.-Vitas dominate the men's title, with the

Gerulaitis, of the United States, who this year narrowly lost an epic Wimbledon men's singles semi-final round match against the champion. Bjorn Borg, is the top seed for the Australian open tennis championships, which begin here The United States look set to

powerful-serving Roscoe Tanner, the champion, seeded number two. Their main challenge seems likely to come from the Australian veterans, Tony Roche and Ken Rosewall, seeded third and fourth respectively. respectively.
ADELAIDE: Challengo march:
United States lead Alestalla, 4—1.
R. Tanner (US) beet A Roche.
6—3, 4—6, 6—2.
bold J. Alexander, 6—2, 4—6, 6—2.

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Gola Lad, who is blind in one eye, completed a run of firre victories when winning by five lengths from the 50-1 chance Pilippant Heck in the Youngsters-Hurdle. He was ridden by Jim Thomson, achieving his seventh winner. Five of those successes, have been for Gala Lad's Morting-hamshire maker Jack Hardy, to whose stable he has been strached for these years and Gala Lad was bought in for 1 1,000 guiness on behalf of the Waltefield owner Stephen Griffiths.

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Jockey Club bend with the wind

A fair and entirely feasible plan for the long-term future of Editish racing was outlined in London yes-terday by Lord Howard de Walden, the senior steward of the Jockey Club. The plan, which would need the support of government and therefore obviously take time to implement, forms the basis of the Jockey Club's latest submis-sion to the Royal Commission on Gambling which is not expected to publish its report until the to publish its report until the middle of next summer at the

Basically, the Jockey Club's pro-posals, which it must be said repre-sent a complete and other U-turn sent a complete and other U-turn in policy, advocate the establishment of a new racing authority to supervise the sport-cum-industry in the British Isles. And in giving this paper their numnimous support, the Jockey Club have said in as many words that they are now prepared to move with the times and relinquish their control of racing in this country in the funnt. They are also prepared of funce. They are also prepared to see instead a more streamlined organization at the head of affairs, which could put an end to all the helecting and animosity that has plagued the scene recently.

Lord Howard de Walden made Lord Howard de Walden made it quite clear yesterday that the Jockey Club had changed its mind and unless I am much mistaken he has been the driving force. When he took office 18 months ago he let it be known that he was determined to push through some radical reforms. It says much for his conviction and strength of character that he has carried the club with him.

Commission's decision to ask the racing authority having overall Jockey Club for suggestions how best British racing could operate development and organization of racing, so constituted as to command the confidence of government and the racing industry, and within which the Jockey Club still has a clearly defined and financed oxidion.

Hemy Bension advocated an overall umbrella under which racing
could shelter way back in 1968
when he and his committee puhlished their report on the racing
Industry. Many of their recommendations have been implemented, but because of the lack
of interest in Westminster their
most reactionary finding was not.
Yesterday, Lord Howard de
Walden said that the Jockey
Club's proposals which had been
made at the specific request of
the Royal Commission poduced
the way to how best a sensible
and workable arrangement could
be reached which would combine
the Jockey Club's long experience in successful turf adminstration with safeguarding the
public interest Clearly their ence in successful turi administration with safeguarding the public interest. Clearly their proposals have not been arrived at without a great deat of self-examination, contrary to what some might say.

Lord Howard said that the stewards of the Jockey Club had taken account of criticisms that had been levelled at them. They have listened to the opinions of people they respect, many of whom have told them that the

have listened to the opinions of people they respect, many of whom have told them that the time is right for change. They have thought hard about what is best for the future of racing, and as a result they have already taken steps to widen the basis of their membership and reorganize the administrative structure.

Lord Howard ended his state.

position.

In the opinion of the Jockey Club, there should be six general-principles underlying the establishprinciples underlying the establishment of a racing authority. First and foremost, they are that the Home Office should remain the government department ultimately responsible for horse-racing, and that membership of the authority should be determined by the need to ensure flat the authority always has available the widest possible knowledge and experience of the industry, and that at the same time the interests of the public and of those who derive their living from the industry are safeguarded.

The Jockey Club's submission

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The Jockey Club's submission
goes on to state that the powers
currently exercised by the Levy
Board as set ont in existing legislation should be invested in the
new authority, and that the levy
should remain the means whereby
financial support is provided for
the racing industry.

The authority should also
approve the levy scheme except
in the absence of agreement, when
determination should be the
responsibility of the Home Secretary. Finally the Jockey Club
should continue under delegated
powers from the authority and in
accordance with the object contained in its royal charter to be
responsible for administering racing, and the authority should
for this purpose.

Membership of the authority
should be composed of independent members who are appointed
by the Home Secretary, and of mined to push through some radical reforms. It says much for his conviction and strength of character that he has carried the club with him.

Already he has established the Racing Industry Liaison Committee; taken an extremely firm line against the medication and the doping of racehories, and done much to preserve the best elements of the Jockey Club. while at the same treading the path of reform and keeping very much in step with lasterday advice.

And now this latest move. Basically it originates from the Royal

delegate certain of its functions, while retaining ultimate responsibility for the determination of policy. The authority should delegate to the Jockey Club responsibility for the formulation of rules and for the day-to-day administration of racing, together with power to make decisions and adjudicate in those areas encompassed by the rules of racing and their associated instructions.

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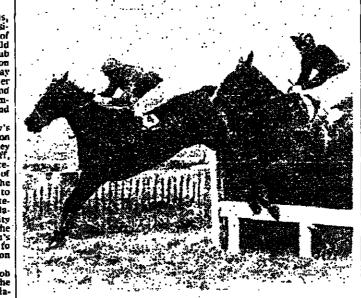
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Reactions to yesterday's announcement were varied, but on the whole encouraging the Jockey Cinb's point of view. David Sieff, speaking on behalf of the Racehorse Owners' Association, of which he is president, said that he was pleased to give his support to Lord Howard de Walden's statement, and that his recommendations for a new racing authority were in broad agreement with the Racehorse Owners' Association's written and oral submissions to the Royal Commission on Gambling.

His support was echoed by Bob McCreery, the chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, who said that he was delighted to hear what Lord Howard had proposed. "The TBA", he said, "had laid down submissions to the Royal Commission."

Speaking on behalf of the Levy Board, Sir Desmond Plummer said that he saw many fluws in the Jockey Club's proposals. However, the Levy Board have already had ample opportunity to submit their own evidence—both written and oral—to the Royal Commission on this whole knotty problem, and now it is up to the Royal Commission to produce their own findings, having had time in which to ponder and sift through the sheafs and sheafs of documents and digest opinion from all sides. Their findings, which should be heard next summer, will be interesting to say the least, because they could have a profound effect upon the Hves of so many in the future, especially those who happen still to adore the fundamentals of British racing.

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Mannyboy (right) led by Evander, who later faded.

Mannyboy to aim for the 1979 Grand National

Mannyboy, owned by Frank Pullen, won the Whitelaw Gold Cup at Folkestone vesterday, beating Doo'Co! Park by four lengths. "I've always wanted a gold cup and now after 23 years as an owner I've made it ". Mr Pullen said. "Man In The Moon won the Whitelaw Challenge Cup at Fontwell but I had to give it hack!" He added: "Mannyboy will go for the Grand National in 1979. As far as this season is concerned, the the Grand National in 1979. As far as this season is concerned, the Welsh version is the target. It is a race I would particularly like to win as my Man In the Moon was unlucky to be only third in it a couple of seasons ago."

That smart steeplechaser was killed in the Scottish Grand National and Mannyboy has taken his place in the owner's affections.

his place in the owner's affections.

"I think this one could prove even better", Mr Pullen said. His horse was splendidly ridden hy Michael Stanley and it completed a double for Josh Gifford, who collected the prize 12 months ago with Top Priority.

Fred Winter made one of his few visits here but after Indian Clown and Rough and Tumble had obliged, the attempt at a third win ended with the defeat of the oddson Mauritius by David Brian in the final event.

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Indian Clown learnt how to jump in the hunting field before joining the Lambourn team at the start of the campaign, and going round without the semblance of a mistake he dismissed heavily-backed Relight by eight lengths in the first division of the Hawkinge Novices' Burdle.

Laujock smashed a knee at the seventh flight and was destroyed and his rider, Stephen Hives, was taken to Canterbury Hospital with concussion. Winter rated Rough

and Tumble highly when he schooled the successful hurdler over fences in the autumn, but it was only after three costly fallures that the seven-wear-old finally got off the mark in the Aldington Novices' Handicap Steeplechase.

Rough and Tumble, who belongs to Warford-based Richard Dormer, was sent past Atmani after the third fence from home and although Roi de Frontiere tried to get on terms, the leader was never in danger.

Stan Mellor, who has struck great form, had his fifth winner in the last three racing days when David Brian easily accounted for Red Ronan and Mauritius in the second division of the Hawkinge Hurdle. There were no excuses for the favourite, who was in the lead until David Brian took over at the sixth. Despite flattening the last fence David Brian had 15 lengths to spare at the line.

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hathe in a river, but two hours up to his belly is the daily stint for Complicity, who outpaced Otterden over the last two flights of the Sellindge Hurdle. Peter Perrett, acting for his father, Jim, explained the reason for this unusual treatment. "The horse has very bad legs and he has this daily spell in a river no matter what the weather. It is the only way to keep him sound."

When Virginia Drive finally improved on three second places this season in the Shaddoshurst Handlean Hurdle, he made it a day to remember for his 22-year-old rider, John Redmond.

STATE OF COING (official): Cal-terick Bridge: Good. Chepslow: Soft.

Rodman's last two wins confirm his class

A. Brown Highland Jig. 8-1

C. Tinkler
M. Lowry ::
N. Tinkler
M. Barnes
P. Mangan
J. C'Nei
Mr. R. Page ::
K. Gray
C. Hawkins
R. Lamb

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This afternoon's Finale Hurdle at Chenstow shines our like a glittering jewel against the dull background of the usually quier week before Christmas. It is still not clear who is going to win either the Cheltenham Gold Cup or the Champlon Burdle, but at present Rodman's claims to be considered the outstanding three-year-old are undisputed. Fred Winter's young horse can consolidate his position as favourite for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle with another

sparkling victory.

The experts quite rightly point out that the omens are not facourable for Rodman becoming the champion of his age group in March. He gained the first of his three wins at Newbury in Novem-

Catterick Bridge programme

12.45 KTPLIN HURDLE (Handicap: £350: 2m)

1.15 ELLERTON STEEPLECHASE (£603 : 2m)

12.15 BROMPTON HURDLE (Div 1 : £464 : 3m 300yd)

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Pirate Jack, 7. Tale, 5-12-70

Albany Way, J. Townson, 5-12-0

Mr. J. Townson, 7

Bitier End, h. A. Stephenson, 5-12-0

Mr. J. Mackle 5

Prank The Yank, W. Faltyricer, 5-12-0

Mr. J. Mackle 5

Frank The Yank, W. Faltyricer, 7-12-0

Mr. J. Mackle 5

Frank The Yank, W. Faltyricer, 7-12-0

Mr. J. Nelson, 7

Hall Mark, S. North, 12-12-0

Mr. J. Hawsen, 7

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Mr. J. Hawsen, 7

Katra Albanian, 4-11-1

Gentor, A. Dickinson, 4-11-1

Genturk, W. A. Stephenson, 4-11-9

Mr. G. Cundan, 7

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23 200-000 Maira Hui, M Sculamore, 5-12-0 Mr P. Sculamore, 7-12-0 Mr P. Sculam

1.45 CHARLES VICKERY STEEPLCHASE (Handicap: £1,040:

2.15 STREETLAM HURDLE (Div I : 4y-o novices : £471 : 2m)

2.45 BROMPTON HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £462: 3m 300yd)

3.15 STREETLAM HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £471: 2m)

ETLAM HURDLE (Div J : 4-y-0 not Binbarn, M. W. Easterby, 11-7
Ben Da Thone, S. Naturby, 11-7
Broomley, W. Elsey, 11-7
Esta Broomley, W. Elsey, 11-7
Esta Professo, G. Richard, 11-7
Kushbahadalilon, B. Belbull, 11-7
Kushbahadalilon, D. Garraton, 11-7
Kushbahadalilon, D. Garraton, 11-7
Maden, R. Whitsker, 11-7
Nisbot-Asne, R. Johnson, 11-7
Powers, M. Nainghlon, 11-7
The flying Huggis, B. Leadbelter, 11-7
The Flying Huggis, B. Leadbelter, 11-7
Wilsome, H. Fleming, 11-2
Wilsome, H. Fleming, 11-2
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the postwar Triumph winners, only the 1966 victor, Black Ice, has made his first appearance as early as that. The pattern for the big event at Cheltenham is never formed until nearer to the day.

History is on their side, the races are won by horses and not by the record books. Those who have seen Rodman's last two successes must be convinced of his class. Even John Sharratt of Raceform was sufficiently moved to put "impressive" against Rodman's name in the form book after Cheltenham. That is an accolade rarely bestowed by the doyen of race readers. Rodman seems to have every autribute required of a hurdler. He is a brilliant jumper, stays well and can quicken at the will of his jockey.

Slasher with that high class recruit from the flat, Pollerton, third. Pollerton, winner of the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood last summer, Stakes at Goodwood last summer, is sure to have improved as a result of his first outing over hurdles but good horse that he is, it is hard to see Tom Jones's three-year-old turning the Cheltenham tables on his conqueror. Pin Tuck, Oui Monsieur and San Patricio all have good form to their credit but Rodman must carry the maximum of confidence. Winter can land a double by winning the second division of the Carlton Novices' Hurdle

Another likely winter for second division of the Cariton Novices' Hurdle Another likely whoter for Winter is Mister Parsley in the first division of the Northampton Novices' Hurdle at Towcester. I understand that with the future

Towcestêr programme -

12.30 NORTHAMPTON HURDLE (Dig I: 4-y-o novices: £272:

in mind the Hundingdon winner is regarded as one of the most promising members of his trainer's powerful team. Already a superb imper, the four-year-old should prive too quick for Waterside who ran well when fourth to Shore Captain at Sandown Park.

I am going to Catterick Bridge for the day's best wager, Yellow Fire in the second division of the Brompton Hurdle. Ridden by George Sloan, Yellow Fire won by 12 lengths at Newcastle for Pat Rohan an othe American jockey is in the saddle again today. That valient old warrior, Tregarron, can gain the twentieth victory of his long career by winning the Charles Vickery Memorial Cup.

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Chepstow programme 12.45 ANGLER BURDLE (Handicap: £463:21m) 00000-0 Giri 1... 470408 FOR ESY, W. CRAFFE, 5-10-5.
20 03 Nava Eldersée, G. Vallance, 6-10-5.
21 4-00220 Stippie (D), H. Willis, 17-10-1.
23 0-09 Dandy Scot, J. Harrindan, 5-10-0 Nava Eldersée, 10-1 Moss Way, 12-1 Gurt Peter, Castell Me

1.15 GAINSBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (3-y-o novices: £566: 1.45 FINALE JUNIOR HURDLE (3-y-o: £3,220: 2m)

2.15 TERRY WOGAN STEEPLECHASE (£865: 32m) T. Hallett 5 5-2 Prince Rock, 7-3 Bentley Boy, 9-3 Ebony Rock, Mymore, 10-1 Widden Hill, 12-1 The See Lian 20-1 other

2.45 NEWSBOY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £858: 21m) 2331(a. Dulwich (C.) C. Davios, 10-12-0
11-3012 Star Dyker, F. Walwyn, 7-11-2
00-213a Rayal Thrust (D), F. Rimell, B-10-9
490410 John's Kampp (D), M. Tele, 4-10-6
01243-0 Drumwynk, D. Hanjev, 8-10-5
00-2211 Levarnite, L. Kennard, 8-10-0
4032-10 Ungus, J. Dalion, 12-10-0
4032-10 Ungus, J. Dalion, 12-10-0 3.15 CARLTON HURDLE (Novices: £890: 2m)

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Golden Spice, F. Winter, 11-5

Blue Streaker, F. Rimel, 11-0

Bridge Ash, J. Johnson, 11-0

Buck Amme, R. Knibe, 11-0

Gaptain Flash, L. Konnard, 11-0

Captain Flash, L. Konnard, 11-0

Dawr Fox, M. Scurlamore, 11-0

Doddingston, J. Haine, 11-0

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Hullah, R. P. Raben, 11-0

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Majn Chance, W. Elsow, 11-0

Mighty Renner, J. Edwards, 11-0

Moorshead, I. Dudgeon, 11-0

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No Reflection, D. H. Jonos, 11-0

S. Purioda, H. Payno, 11-0

Topmest, M. Tite, Smith-Eccies
I. Flower 7
.. R. Hyett
A. Turneli

0-4 Golden Snire, 3-1 Tronical, 6-1 Main Chance No Reflections, 8-1 Hallah 10-1 King's North, 12-1 Blue Streaker, Captain Flash, 20-1 others.

Folkestone results 12.45 HAWKINGE HURDLE 'Div 1: Novicto: \$404: 3'2m') Indian Clowin, br 6, by Indian Ruler —No Clowring (H. Huaby), 7-11-4. J. Francome (5-1) 1 Relight . M. Stanby '13-8 fav. 2 Reline Beau . G. Enright (13-1) 3

Reine Beau . G. Enigm (13-1) a

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Beige Prince. 6-1

HI Sindon. 10-1 Open Mind. 16-1

Beechw3: 191, Ben Scarlet 43h1,
Onega 25-1 Laubeck (7. 33-1 Chavey
Diam, Fith Barger, Le Bai Minselto,
ine Sheben, Waymanhi 191, DecoBete,
Geiden Breez, Tower Moss, 18 7m. TOTE: Wm. 41p: places, 27p. 13p.
22p: dual forecast. £1.21. F. Winter.
Lambourn 81. 51. lod Four Puls, 7-2 Cape Feb., 13-2 Nunstar, Gullsway, 8-1 Mailese Lace, Nice Icc, 13-1 Progression, Referendum, 20-1 others. 1.15 (1.18) SELLINGE HURDLE
(S.540: 2m 200yd)
Complicity, b s. by infartuation—
Legal Wife (B. Perrett),
(1-11-12 L. Graffishs (evens fay)
Ottordes ... S. Coogan (35-1 2
Airy Fairy ... A. Webb (4-2) 3 By Our Racing Staff 12.15 Pirate Jack. 12.45 Soldier's Field. 1.15 Thuster. 1.45 Tregarron. 2.15 Broomley. 2.45 YELLOW FIRE is specially recommended. 3.15

ALSO RAN: 9-1 The Merricksian (4th): 10-1 Downing Arms. 12-1 Purple Bengeror, 14-1 Bondon, 16-1 Dragon Hill (pt. Str Waldo, 20-1 The Saule, 33-1 Merket Maid, Chinesa White, 12 ran. TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p. £5 43. 17p, dual forecast, £12.18. J. Perrett. Chellonham. 4l. 6l.

A5 (1.46) WHITELAW GOLD CUP STEEPLECHASE (Hendicap) £985: 3m) Manyboy, b s. by ManicouMerrydown Girl (F. Pullon).
7-10-0 ... M. Stanley (13-8 ray) 1
Doo"Cot Park B. R. Davies (2-1) 2
Court Shadow ... P. Barton (14-1) 3
ALSO SAN; 100-30 Evander, 12-1
Fryours (0). 16-1 Ladoven, 53-1
Coolaru, Old Smokey (4th). 8 ran. TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 11p, 17p, 35p; duel forward, 40p. J. Cifford, Finden, 41, nk.

TOTE DOUBLE: Mannybay and Rough And Tumble, 24.56. TREBLE: Complicity Virginia Drive and David Stan, CT. 28.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All en-agements (dead): Floot Jamairan,

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Queen's Bench Division

Man who did not pay on the Underground

Corbyn v Saunders Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Mr Justice Park A traveller on the London Underground who regularly took a 10p dicket, travelled beyond the permitted distance and handed to the ticket collector at the jour-ney's end the ricket and a slip of

paper hearing correct details of the journey and his name and address, was properly convicted of an offence under section 5(3) (a) of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1889, as amended by section and served judgment in a test case.

Act, 1889, as amended by section and shall that in order to prove an offence under section 5(3)(a).

The Divisional Court, in a reserved judgment in a test case.

offence, either to a fine ... or ... imprisonment. ... 'Mr H. N. Spooner for the defendant; Mr Anthony Scrivener. QC, and Mr Anthony Porten for the prosecutor, Mr Robert Saunders, a London Transport official. LORD JUSTICE CUMMING-BRUCE said that: on the 46 occasions specified in the informations, the defendant travelled on the Underground. On each occasion he purchased a ticket for 10p, and the fore he caid was less than the correct fare for the journes he intended to take, and in fact took, On arrival at his destination he delivered to the ticket collector the 10p ricket and a form which read: "To Lundon Transport Executive, Date. . . I have today travelled from . . . to . . and tendered a ticket for 10p, Should you wish to from . . . to . . and tendered a ticket for 10p. Should you wish to recover the outstanding sum, my name and address is: Name P. Corbyn. Address 14 Rust Square. SEL. Signed. . . " In the blank Mr V. J. Mountaint

the station of departure and arrival, and he signed his name in the appropriate space. The out-standing sums due in respect of the journeys specified in the informa-

tions was \$2,95.

Plainly, from the facts, throughout the period that he was travelling on the railway, he did not
intend to pay the prescribed fare
until after he had ceased to travel,
and his intention was to pay only
if the rullway authorities requested
has ment. tions was £9.95.

the first clause of section 5(3)(a) that the traveller was not to trave on the rateller was not to tracel on the railway without paying the fare for the intended journey before he began that journey. If he bought a ticket which was the prescribed fare to a destination but, when he travelled, he intended to travel beyond that, destination without present the Intended to travel beyond that destination without previously paying for the additional distance, he travelled that additional distance with intent to avoid the required payment therefor.

In that case, if he failed to lender the outstanding balance of the failed and lender the outstanding balance of

Tenancy with resident landlord not protected

Shaw
A furnished tenancy of a flat
in a house where there was a resident landlord was not excepted
from being a protected tenancy
"by virtue of " section SA of the
Rent Act, 1968 (added by the Rent
Act, 1974), but by virtue of the
transitional provisions of the 1974
Act. Accordingly, section 5A(5)
(b) did not operate to exclude the
flat from heing excepted from protection.

The Court of Appeal, in a re-The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by a tenant, Mr Jeffrey Adams, from a judgment of Judge Curtis-Raleigh, at Bloomshury and Marylebone County Court in March grouting the plaintiff landlord, Mrs Anna Maria Josepha Stubbs, an order for possession of the ground floor flat in Norland Square, Norting Hill, against Mr Adams and a Miss Lydia Assopardi (who did not appeal). (who did not appeal).
Mr Derek Wood for Mr Adams;

Square. Nothing Hill, against Mr Adums and Miss Loyal Assopardi (who did not appeal).

Mr Derek Wood for Mr Adams; Mr Stuhbs In persus.

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if it rested there, the defendants would not be protected treannts. The second tenancy, of July 1, 1975, had been granted after the commencement date of the 1974 Act, and the landlord was a "resident landlord" within section 5A(1)(th). But the provisions of section 5A(1) were expressly made subject to subsection (5): "This section does not apply to a tenancy of a dwelling-house which forms part of a building if—... (b) the tenancy is a tenancy for a term of years certain and is granted to a person who, immediately before it was granted, was the tenant under an earlier tenancy of that dwelling-house... and, by virtue of this section, as the judge had section. SA (1) would otherwise achieve in respect of a post-August 14, 1974, tenancy, was itself excluded if the requirements of section 5A (5) were fulfilled. The only ground on which it could be suggested, and the judge had held, that the requirements of subsection (5) (b) were not fulfilled was that it was not "by virtue of this section 15A (5) which section 15C (b) were not fulfilled was that it was not "by virtue of this section 15C (b) to be read as "Contaming a reference to the transitional provisions." His Lordship added that the court felt itself quite unable to "the parpose of the transitional provisions." Solicitors: Douglas-Mann & Co.

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Stubbs v Assopardi and Another

Before Lord Justice Megaw. Lord
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A furnished tenancy of a flat
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commencement of the Act would not be protected because of the new section SA inserted in the 1968 Act. But in the absence of transitional provisions a precommencement date tenanty would be protected because of would be protected because of section 1 (1) of the 1974 Act, coupled with the fact that the new section 5A (1) would not provide an exemption since it was

expressed to be applicable to a tenancy granted on or after the commencement date.

The relevant transitional provisions, in Schedule 3, were:

"1 (1) In any case where—(a) before the commencement date a dwelling was subject to a tenancy which is a furnished letting and

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.15 Blewhury Downs. Chepstow selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Nova Eldorado. 1.15 Jack Anthony. 1.45 Rodman. 2.15 Prince
Rock. 2.45 Levannine, 3.15 Golden Spice.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Pollerton. Towcester selections

Catterick Bridge selections

12.30 MISTER PARSLEY is specially recommended. 1.0 Orange Gin. 1.30 The Clerk. 2.0 Flighting Taffy. 2.30 Tingledu. 3.0 March Morning. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 12.30 David Tudor. 1.0 Orange Gin. 2.0 Staccato. 3.0 March Morning.

220221 Bavid Tudor (b), D. Ringer, 11-10

21 Mister Parsley, F. Winter, 11-10

0 Adgins Soy, S. Cambidge, 11-0

400030- Beat Mask, C. Miler, 11-0

400030- Bothy, P. Buller, 11-0

10- Happor, Prio, D. Moriey, 11-0

10- Just String, C. Dingwall, 11-0

10- Lukewarm, K. Salloy, 11-0

10- Maylde, D. Ancil, 11-0

10- Media, I. Dudgeon, 11-0

Panchand 1.0 NORTHAMPTON RURDLE (Div II: 4y-o novices: £272: Orange Chn. 4-1 Klidting Star. 9-2 Wheel and Deal. 13-2 morous Song, 10-1 Monk's Flyer, 12-1 Gold Nick, 16-1 others 1.30 JOHN CLARE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £565: 2m 2.0 SHARON HURDLE (Handicap : £419 ; 2m) 1 2000-00 Fighting Taffy (B), P. Upton. 10-10-0
2 p-0 Java Fez (D), B. Cambidge, 7-11-9
3 0070 Colone Melson (D), D. Nicholson. 6-11-5
4 3- Full Value (D), D. Ringer. 6-11-5
5 301-13 Staccato (C-D), D. Mortey, 4-11-0
6 000 Fivetall (D), D. Gendelde, 6-11-0
8 200100 Coment Koboutek, R. Atkins, 5-10-8
9 Fit-u00 Laurious, 6. Mellor, 9-10-3
10 b9000 Woodland Reward, P. Cundell, 6-10-0
11 0004-00 Closed Circuit (D), J. Clark, 7-10-0 D Goulding
J O'Nedl
R Barry
A Dickinson
G Faultner
C Hawkins
R Lamb
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S. McNebb 7
B. R. Davies
P. Barton
R. Alkhar
Jobar
M. O'Hallorun
R. Dickin 7-4 Staccato, 9-2 Fighting Taily, 11-2 Comes Kohoutek, 15-2 Colonel Nelson, 10-1 Pull Vaine, 12-1 Woodland Reward, Firetail, Laurious, 20-1 others. N. Tinkler
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M. Barnes
J. O'Nelli 2.30 MENLO PARK STEEPLECHASE (Novices' bandicap: £574: 3m 190yd) 2 422-12p Three Gems, M. Oliver, 6-11-10
3 013302 Monty Python, Mrs J., Pitman, 5-11-10
4 01-130 Roley Hill, D. Nicholson, 6-11-10
5 00-p370 Tourses, J. Gifford, 5-11-0
8 30-03 Scroggy, G. Balding, 5-10-13
9 023 Tingledu, T. Forsler, 6-10-13
10 0-p002 Magic Sirast, Mrs E. Kennard, 8-10-7
11 034224 Aurollanus, G. Fryer, y-10-4
5-2 Monty Python, 7-2 Tingledu, 11-2 Roley Hill, 7
Scroggy, Aurollanus, Toursen, 11-1 Three Gems, 3.0 NORTHAMPTON HURDLE (Div III: 4y-o novices: £272:

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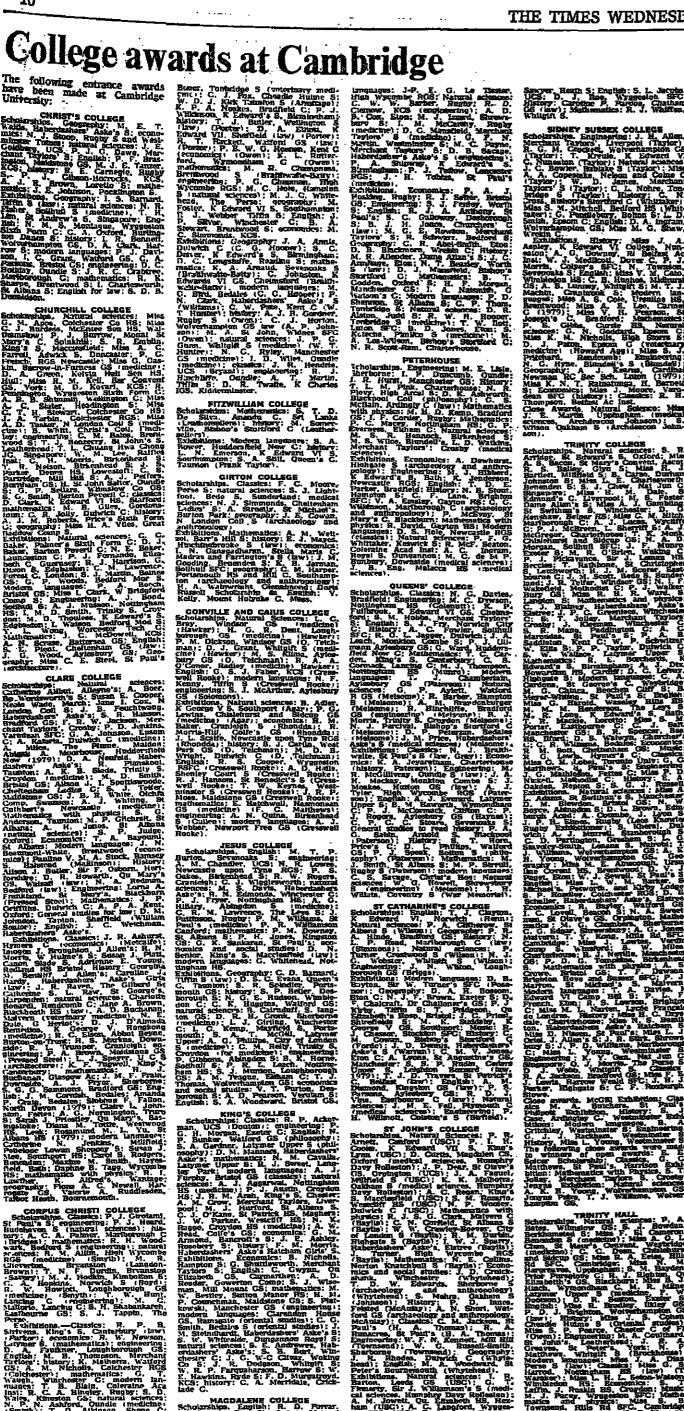
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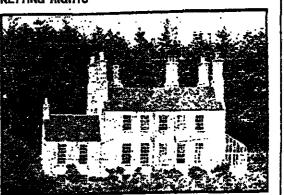
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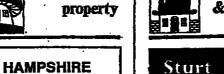
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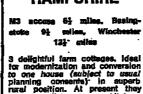
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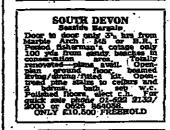
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stated that Myra Hindley and will be considered for parole in the course of 1978; considered for parole, not necessarily given it. This, course, means that the Parole Board, and possibly the Home Office, have now caught up with Lord Longford, who has been pressing the case for such consideration for some time now, notably on a televi-sion programme which, a few months ago, caused consider-it again (this includes the eleable uproar. The uproar partly ment in the theory which is concerned the nature and for simply concerned with protectmat of the programme; I did not see it, and since it was impossible to disentangle the row over the programme from the question of substance—to wit, whether either or both of them should or should not even wit, whether either or both of them should or should not eventually be released—I decided to say nothing, though in this matter I am of Lord Long-ford's opinion. The fuss over and always was, obviously nil. The programme having now the programme having now that drove them to such evil now be possible to discuss without distraction the case for such evilence of they are not believed by the release of they are not believed to make the release of they are not believed to make the release of they are not believed to make the release of the rele without distraction the case for psyche; whatever they may be, and against the release of they are not to be reached by these prisoners, and I propose to do so today. (Strictly speak-capable not only of conceiving incidentally a prisoner. to do so today. (Strictly speaking, incidentally, a prisoner

addition, it is sometimes (though not so often as in ear-lier times) said to be intended as retribution, so that it ought to be meted out to wrong-doers irrespective of any practical effect it might have. Officially, though, the last argument has no place in our penology, and the state's duty is supposed to be limited to ensuring that ing society against those who are too dangerous to be loosed upon it) and the greatest chance of inhibiting others from doing as they did. The deterrent effect of the

but of carrying out sadistic practices of the kind involved be released on parole, only in their case are incapause or on licence", but the principle is the same and I shall use their victims, or indeed of understanding them.

New reform, Here we come

the more familiar expression.)

The case illustrates to grim
perfection the confusion that
surrounds—indeed, that consti-Next, reform. Here we come to territory on which there are recognizable landmarks. Lord Lougford, who has visited Miss Hindley frequently, and a recently-released prisoner who had seen much of her in prison, are both convinced that the has seeningly represed of prison, are both convinced that Secretary were to contemplate she has genuinely repented of releasing Miss Hindley he her crimes, and would be no would have a formidable body



Myra Hindley and Ian Brady: they will be considered for parole next year.

presumably supplemented by various reports on her behaviour and attitude prepared by the prison authorities and other individuals and bodies whose duties include the making of such observations and the preparation of such studies. Certainly, if the Home Secretary were to contemplate

danger to society or anyone in it if she were now released.

Such testimony is obviously not conclusive. It is, however, be a continuing danger released, he should say so. But that brings me to the confusion of which I speak For it is dreadfully clear that even if it were agreed on all hands that in no circumstances would again, the present Home Secre-tary would be reluctant to release her, simply because he

our system, to wit the retribu-tive. Myra Hindley did terrible things to innocent children; therefore, runs the instant but

at any rate unless such conditions and safeguards are arranged as to ensure that she is unable to do further harm. But if she is not—if, in short, she would be released were she any other prisoner—then her continued incarceration is

The abiding hatred of the close families of the victims in vehemence on the television programme I referred to). Such hatred, like all hatred, is

would require something not far removed from sainthood to come to terms with the feelings it arouses. But though we surely all feel revulsion at the crimes, and it will be a sorry day for our society when we feel anything less in such circumstances, the rest of us have no right to the desire for revenge that possesses those whose children died.

In particular, the Home Secretary and the Parole Board have no right to such feelings, and above all no right to act on them if they have them. An earlier Home Secretary dis-played an unnecessary eagerness to condemn the action of a wise and experienced prison a wise and experienced problem of the governor who took Miss Hindley out for a walk; that was Mr Robert Carr, and the present holder of the office is mlikely to be less responsive to political pressure than he. It therefore even more unlike-whatever advice he may get, not only from Lord Longford and other outsiders

Longford and other outsiders who have spent time with Miss Hindley, but from his professional advisers, that the Home Secretary will be willing to authorize the taking of even the first step on the road to her release. Yet I repeat: if all necessary conditions are met, and all fears are satisfied, how can it be right to keep her in jail, when any other prisoner would be released, only because of the ugly clamour that would follow? (And even the Parole Board's chair-

and that perhaps the most disquieting of all. As far as I know, there has been not a word on the subject from any member of the hierarchies of the Anglican or Roman Catho ke churches in this country. Why should there be? Not because it is the duty of Christian archbishops or to urge mercy for sinners (though the founder of their religion, now I come to think of it, did a good deal in that line), but because, through all the clamour that has arisen over the suggestion that Miss Hindley might be released, there has run the argument that not only has she not purged her sin, but that she never can. The belief that repentance and salvation are beyond a sinner, however terrible the sin, is a heresy of the worst kind; indeed, it makes no score of the entire Christian. nonsense of the entire Christian message ("Betwixt the stirrup and the ground ...") Yet we have heard nothing from the churches (Lord Longford is a Roman Catholic of course, but I am not talking about lay opinion) in condem-nation of such abominable reasoming. I do not, as a matter of fact, expect high church digni taries, these days, to be less timid than Home Secretaries. But it would be good to hear one of them speak up for Christianity, and it is not at a

Rhodesia: where the Africans stand on both sides of the 'front line'

The blacks who fight for the white regime in Salisbury

tutes—our society's attitude to imprisonment and the reasons

for it. In theory, punishment is meant to reform those who un-

it and to deter any who be tempted to emulate

guerrillas belonging to the Patriotic Front

It is one of the paradoxes of the Rhodesian war that there are more black than whites fighting against an organiza-tion whose supposed aim is to "diberate" blacks from white domination. More than 80 per cent of the regular Rhodesian security forces are black. Even if white national servicemen and police reservists are taken into account, blacks still account for well over helf the total force—and their numbers

At the moment there are two full RAR battalions in operation and a third may be formed shortly. The RAR also operate a number of "independent" companies which are racially integrated units with black and white officers and ncos commanding white national servicemen and black regulars. Virtually all specialist units, such as the Selous Scouts or Grey Counts, contain a substantial number of blacks. a substantial number of blacks,
"In fact", Major Peter Morris,
the RAR commanding officer
at Balla Balla, said, "there is
hardly a 'stick' (the basic
military unit) anywhere in the country that does not have blacks in it."

for the next selection course to take place, the course lasts about three days, and if successfully completed the men are then transferred to a "waiting area" for two to three weeks before they begin formal training with the RAR.

Every day there is a queue of Africans outside the depot gates. They come from all corners of the country to join the regiment, which is doing a major part of the fighting in at first whether we would be major part of the fighting in at first whether we would be the present war against the able to train men sufficiently well in only three months, but I think we are succeeding."

Four of the 15 black officers who were commissioned earlier this year, the first ever to be appointed in the Rhodesian Army, are based at Balla Balla. I met one of them, Lieutenant Fani Nohluvu, over tea and sandwiches in the officers' mess. Apart from a tendency developed during his years as a warrant officer to call every-one "Sir" he seemed to mir-easily with his white collea-

gues. It is hard for an outsider to understand why a man like Lieur Ndhluvu should be prepared to put his life at risk for an all-white government. Lieur Ndhluvu said simply that he joined up 13 years ago "to fight for my country." One new recruit, who claimed to be

Bulawayo

A group of about 20 Africans squatted quietly outside the main gate of the Rhodesian African Rifles (RAR) depot at Balka Balka, about 40 miles south-east of Bulawayo, waiting for the next selection course to take place, the course lasts three minths are being fed into the tanks of the Rhodesian Army to bolster the war effort.

There are 1,200 black recommendation for the pay and the good conditions of service. There is a high level of mere and the army offers a reasonable and regular wage (although less than white soldiers are paid) plus many fringe benefits. diers are paid) plus many fringe benefits.

lst Independent RAR Com-pany based at Victoria Falls some 300 miles north-west of Balla Balla, explained "I want

a seven member "stick"—two white national servicemen and five black regulars—which had just returned from a patrol along the banks of the Zambezi grated. The men not only fight together as equals, they sleep together as equals, they sleep in the same hut back at base camp "graze" (eat) together and spend their nights together in the local bars.

The company's mortes squad had also returned from a morning's duty in the bush. It comprised two black NCO's who were instructing two white

were instructing two white national servicemen. One of the whites, who had been in the army five and a balf months, said he had no reservations about being given orders by an African so long as the African knew his job. ight for my country." One new recruit, who claimed to be a supporter of the tribally. based ZUPO organizations, said he wanted to support "My government"—although it was unclear whether he was referring to the present administration of Mr Ian Smith or a future black government of which ZUPO might form part.

There are other reasons why Africans want to sign on with the RAR. One of them is un-



Side by side: blacks and whites under arms for Mr Smith.

ples Organization (ZUPO) led ported the three nationalist government will by Chief Chirau. organizations taking part. A white interests are All shree organizations have tacibly recognized that shey will need to retain the present Rhodesian forces more or less intact if they come to power as their own. They are aware that a filedgling state of Zimbebwe will depend for its survival on armed forces if, as seem likely, the Patriotic Front communes

The fact that the bulk of the armed forces are black should facilitate its transformation from a Rhodesian to a Zimbab-

organizations taking part. A black sergeant at the Victoria Falls base explained: "You leader and be a soldier at the one white trooper. "But if it same time. We are just here to goes like Zambia or Mozambisame time. We are just here to fight for whichever govern-ment is in power. One of the company's black trachers who used to work for a safari com-pany until it had to shot down because of the war, added through an interpreter: "I am a tracker, that's my life. I am not interested in these talks."

The white members of the RAR company do follow the wean army.

Sumprisingly, however, the Mr Smith will pull something black soldiers show little interest in the Salisbury talks and hardly any of them supleast ensure that a black

white interests more or less intact. "If the country remains stable and we can live are now, then that's fine", said que then I am not going to stick around."

stick around."

No one, it seems, could envisage a black man taking over as commander of the RAR if a black government comes to power. That's going to take years because they are only being trained as heuremants at the moment", said Major Morris back at Balla Balla. "You can't just promote a chap to general because he is black."

Tribal differences rob the guerrillas of unity

The guerrilla forces ranged against Mr Smith's troops make a fascinating contrast. In Mozambique, they are, quite clearly, no match for the Rhodesian forces. In Zambia, though untested, they are training against and ing as a real army.

Latest reports suggest that the recent incursion by the Rhodesians into Mozambique killed as many as 2,000 men.
This appalling slaughter was inflicted with scarcely any loss, and no doubt confirms the white regime's grim satisfaction that it has as yet—

The picture in Zambia, is quite different. Mr Joshua Nkomo has been building up his forces with remarkable speed and effectiveness over to the latest estimates, he now has at his command 6,000-7,000 trained men and another 10,000-15,000 on the way. Training is done partly in Zambia and partly in Angola, almost entirely by Cubans. Mr Nkomo has committed

no more than about 400 of these men to guerrilla action against Rhodesia. His aim, which has been very succes which has been very successful, has been to strengthen his political position by the formation of an efficient fighting force.

Thus Mr Nkomo now stands

Thus Mr. Nkomo now stands far better in the Patriotic Front than does his co-president Mr Mugabe in Mozambique, whose forces are weak and untrained. (The Mozambique Government does not want Cubans on its soil.) Alabough the aim has been to keep about 3.000 guerrilas operating at any one time against Rhodesia, the command structure is very hanmand structure is very hap-hazard, and they have had little

impact.
The other element in the military position is the emergence of tribal feeting again.
Most of Mr Nkomo's recruits no general because he is are Matabele, from the north-west of Rhodesia; the Zanu-army in Mozambique is mainly Shona, with a large part of its



Mr Nkomo: fighting force.

leadership Karanga—as it hap-pens, the same tribe as most of Mr Smith's black troops. Mr Nkomo has in the past been very careful to avoid pro-voking tribal rivalries, but a certain division of feeling is only natural. In addition there are personal friendships and enmittes between the guerrilla

enmities between the guerrilla leaders, which go back a long way. At all events, up to now, there has been little success in bringing the two sides of the Patriotic Front together.

There has even been some speculation that Bishop Muzorewa, whose following inside Rhodesia is mainly Shona, and who has recently been vaunting his military support, might in

who has recently been vaunting his military support, might in the end seem an attractive partner to Mr Mugabe.

In practical terms, Mr Nkomo, widely regarded as the most politically experienced candidate, has enhanced his claims by his military backing. His men are not short of arms, presumably supplied from Soviet sources, and may even have some more advanced weaponry such as rockets. In weaponry such as rockets. In due course, Mr Nkomo will have to be brought into the settlement talks, directly or indirectly, as Mr Smith knows. For the moment he is biding his time.

David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

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Missing out, but not in the upper register

Having received (at last) some measure of the Christmas Spirit when I attended Ted Heath's carol concert on Monday night, I was desperately depressed to learn yesterday that his voting record during the past 12 months was less than a former chief whip might desire.

He has, according to The Political Companion, voted in fewer than 50 of the 234 divisions in the session ending October 1977. Only 23 other MPs have achieved this singular record, though none (I suspect) with such excellent excuse as leading me and Lord Longford in a medley of carols as the 10-o'clock division bell rang.

The Companion tells me that while the former Tory Prime Minister has been slacking, Sir Harold Wilson has improved his voting record from 33 per cent to an astonishing 60 per cent. Which only goes to show that nothing becomes a man in high position so much

But I digress. The carol concert, with Lord Longford and me stuck up (appropriately) in the gods" at Central Hall, was a great success. Mr Heath ad libbed (but looked tired), Lord

Proceeds from the concert (and I would like to point out that as it was in aid of the Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund, I paid for the tickets for my family) will help young people. It was therefore disappointing that several journalists fought in the foyer beforehand for freebies and then immediately adjourned to the local hostelry.

Papering over academic cracks

University College, London and the Nilotic plant of the sedge family known as papyrus go to-gether like Liddell and Scott. For the past 30 years UCL has been the world centre of papy-rology, as it has explored the rich harvests of papyri from Oxyrhynchus, the vanished Ptolemaic town to the west of

Eric Turner, the Professor of Papyrology, who has led the exploration since 1948 and has rescued so many treasures of literature and scholarship from the black abysin of time, has payri still unexamined to keep the explorers busy until at least the end of the century.

Who knows what else lies buried in those mounds of frag-

a vast crowd of carollers sang lustily.

Proceeds from the concert (and I would like to point out that as it was maid of the Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund, I paid for the silver for my family will.

Incredibly, somebody seems mildest and most self-mocking to be thinking of it. The pro-fessorial board understandably. One Sunday newspaper, ap recommended at once that the post should be renewed and an-other Reader in Papyrology appointed, who might in due course be given a personal Chair for eminent services to learning.
But the Acadamic Develop-

ment Sub-Committee, a senior planning body, has reviewed this recommendation twice, and the matter is still in suspense. It is apparently being suggested seriously that papyrology might be put in cold storage for a time, or a junior appointment be made to lead the research in which London leads the world. If UCL abandoned Oxyrhynchus, it would be throwing away one of its most golden and most promising glories.

When 'star'

There, looking local, in our public in Islington was a very hirsure Simon Ward, saying last night that just as he was hoping to get rid of his "young Winston" image there was to be a screen ing on Christmas Day of the great epic.

Stand, Hes in the steady smudge the page) the artist of people who want to decipher of the copious notes with which the railst complete in an Sâm production starting in May. ATV Corporation, which he still runs with undiminished energy, is also starting in May. ATV Corporation, which he still runs with undiminished energy, is also starting in May. ATV Corporation, which he st mentary and fragile paper? Another missing play from great epic.
Menander? Byzantine texts of Mr Ward (who is older than banded and did not want to mediaeval Italian.

One Sunday newspaper, apparently, has ruined his Sundays (and those, presumably of his actress wife, Alexandra Malcolm, and their three daughters) ters) by reviewing films he has not even been in. "Their critic says", he told me, "that so andso is even worse in a certain part than Simon Ward would have been." Fame, surely, of a

The reverse

Since my original visit (November 24) to the exhibition of anatomical drawings by Leonardo da Vinci, I have discovered a curious run on pocket mirrors at the Royal Academy. The explanation, I under-

stand, lies in the steady stream

vision, cancel our

Word in memoriam

Will these new tangled institu-tions of higher education stop at nothing? I hear from the North East London Polytech-nic that one of the main speakers at their forthcoming conference on life and death will be none other than medium Ena Twigg. Does this mean we can look forward to the first lecture from the other side? It could give a whole new meaning to memorial lectures.

Culture and high grade fun

Back from "a most remarkable welcome" in Japan, Lord Grade waved his cigar at me yesterday and said it was "a lot of baloney" to suppose that you can't do business with the Japanese. Establish a relationship, he added, and do it at chairman and chief executive level and all will be well. level and all will be well. He amounced that the Muppets are bound for the big

smoke, not gun. ATV have 15 feature films coming up next year, as high as Lew Grade

year, as high as Lew Grade can get. In television, series are planned on Onassis ("a mini-series", he said), Nelson and Marco Polo. As we knew, he declared, they had just finished Shakespeare.

"Maybe I said it wrong." said Lord Grade inocently. But the perked up when it was suggested he might set up a Muppethand to rival Disneyland in this country. "Why do you think we're trying to buy Tussaud's?", he shot back. A vintage performance from a man who can still give you an appointment between 4 and 530. Am !

A new confessional at Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church, in Richmond, has been fitted with red and green lights so that pentients can see whether or not it is

Christmas

will be published next month with the notice of forthcoming sales. There are not, I hasten to add, any old masters or leftover baubles offered as prizes.

Some of the 100 questions are rather tricky. Is a Thomas Chippendale coffin a contradiction in terms? What is a triple croft? What would a French gentleman do with a shepherdess in his Drawing Room? (Answers to Christie's, please, not PHS.)

I was particularly taken with question 21: "At which of the following did a nude descend a staircase in 1913 to the horror of the art world: (i) a monastery; (ii) an armoury; (iii) the Bauhaus; or (iv) Sotheby's?" I hope it does not stoul Christick for spoil Christie's fun, or yours, if I tell them that the correct answer is not spelt like that And don't ask me how I know these things. I just do.

Daily history

in wax

As ATV joins the takeover battle for the most famous waxworks in the world, the waxworks is franking its letters with the slogas "Battle of Trafalgar at Tussaud's open every day". An invitation to Victor Matthews to join the fun?

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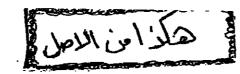
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From Mr Gerald Foley

Sir, A fifth of the world's population live in China in a manner which

avoids some of the worst problems of other parts of the world. This undeniable fact is what makes

China so fascinating and important.

But like everything else the achievement of China has its price.

The crucial issue is not whether there are merits and disadvantages

in its system—any sane person would admit there are both—but what is the balance between them.

Many now fear that the price we are in danger of paying for Western

freedoms is a precipitate collapse of

children we are at present educating.

assumption that the liberal demo-cratic freedoms do not themselves carry a price, and one which may in

the end be disastrously high. China offers us a model of how things might be done differently. We should look at it as clearsightedly

and calmly as we can and learn from it. Bernard Levin may feel it is his duty to retail solely the dis-advantages of the Chinese system as

advantages of the starry eyed praise of the China worshippers. It would be much more useful if he could use his talents to help us to under-

stand the totality. Yours faithfully,

GERALD FOLEY, 12 Whiteball Gardens, W4.

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RHODESIANS SEARCH FOR SECURITY

have resumed to grapple with the key issue: safeguards for the white minority. Mr Smith has to all appearances now conceded every one of the first five British principles for a settlement adumbrated by Sir Alec Douglas-Home in 1964. It is the sixth principle, added by Mr Wilson's government—that a majority regime should not oppress the minority community—which it is now for the Africans to express

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put in, contemporaneously with Mr Wilson's quest for a formula for "unimpeded progress to majority rule" in the Tiger, then Fearless, talks, it seemed a makeweight. The real safeguards for the whites in those far-off days were entrenched in proposals for a longish interval, the lifetimes of several governments if not of Mr Smith himself, for the transfer of power, during which both races could adapt. Now that Mr Smith has conceded adult universal franchise and a black majority in parliament in 1978, the problem of safeguards becomes the key to the log-jam. For he has introduced (or reintroduced) provisions for white security that undermine the concession of majority rule itself. His agreement to one man one vote did not, as was first assumed by Bishop Muzorewa, Mr Sithole and Chief Chirau, mean a single voting roll without qualified franchises, whites voting with (and being outvoted by) blacks. Mr Smith has dodged back to separate voters' rolls, so organized as to enable the white electorate to vote for a third of the members of the assembly—

by diplomats and foreign corres-

pondents in Sumatra yesterday

886 Indonesian political prisoners

were released. They were part of

the 10,000 whose release was

promised many months ago by

the powerful security organiza-

tion. Many have been more than

ten years in detention without

trial. Next year 10,000 more will

follow and in 1979 a final 10,000.

All these are in category B, those

and another 1,125 of cases still

criticism from bodies such as

The Jockey Club has been

an anachronistic, self-perperua-

ting body with attitudes

now a substantial industry, with

the betting industry-indirectly,

employment for more than

100,000 people, and contributes,

through betting, more than £100m to the Treasury. The

control and government of

racing has nevertheless con-

tinued to be vested in a body

which is, to a large extent,

unaccountable for its actions and

few. In the past two weeks, how-

signs that it has taken to heart

much of the criticism directed

against it and is prepared to

react to it in a positive way.

that it had for the first time

That might seem a belated move

Han dynasty happenings

Sir, The account of the astronomical

observation made in China for the year 5 BC (The Times, December

13) must be read in its appropriate context, which is that of the history

of China and the significance that

was attributed to strange occur-rences by officials of the Han

At the time it was believed that

there was a unity between the realms of Heaven, Earth and Man,

and that the activities of any one

of these realms corresponded with those of the others. Disturbances in

the heavens or on earth were closely related to human actions,

and served to point out the error

of man's ways or acted as a warning

of impending catastrophe. This be-lief bore consequences of a dynastic and political kind; reports of strange phenomena could be used to criticise authorities of state for

the failure, misdirection or oppres-

sion of government.

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From Dr Michael Loewe

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not classified.

blacks vote for the other two-

Of course it will not do. For one thing, unless an African party won an overwhelming majority of seats the blocking third would become the balancing third, without whose agreement even ordinary legislation could not pass unamended. Even an unlikely possibility of presidents, the United Nations, Ambassador Young and Dr Owen, and above all the Patriotic Front, with a solid argument that Mr Smith was organizing a puppet regime, and that the Bishop had sold out if he

The whole point of Mr Smith's concessions is surely to produce a responsible black government. excluding those who will not abandon the armed struggle, accepted by the world as the choice of the black people of Zimbabwe, and ir would be lost by any such provision to entrench white security. The war would go on, and would probably be lost by the new regime even with white support. If there is to be an internal settlement that can be defended diplomatically as well as militarily from Salisbury, the two-roll device for producing blocking thirds must vanish from it.

Nothing Mr Smith can now depends on their usefulness. This can be great to a moderate black cally and (so long as the

guerrillas fight on) militarily. Treating the whites fairly is the guarantee of the proposed Anglo-American load to strengthen up an already resilient economy to provide more black employment and black farming opportunities. This consideration would not weigh with a Patriotic Front regime, which could and well might rely on the new Russianorganized colonial service, mainly staffed by Cubans. It thus makes sense for the whites to this happening constitutionally trust men like the Bishop. There would provide the frontline is no halfway house. is no halfway house.

It must be faced that even with every possible paper safeguard, such as a bill of rights and provisions for an independent judiciary, Zimbabwe may ultimately prove uninhabitable by a white community. For example it cannot be known whether the injustices of the st have sown dragon's teeth of anti-white feelings which will grow into punitive actions, even violence, when watered by true black power. The ultimate sole white safeguard is withdrawal, to South Africa and elsewhere; to preserve this, it is citizenship rights and compensation arrangements that alone are relevant.

To provide such a fallback resort, the Rhodesians need guarantees from Britain and the United States for their gamble. If asked for them, Britain and the United States must be satis-

fied that the settlement is real and irrevocable, and such as will enable them to say that it transcends the white paper and justifies international recognition and an end to sanctions. It remains to be seen if such a settlement emerges in the two months that Mr Smith foresees as the time needed for a "break-

The Unification Church From Mr John D. Wheeler

Sir, I congratulate The Times upon the series of articles about the activities of the Unification Church, more commonly known as "the Moonies". You have rendered a considerable public service in making more widely known the insidious name of this so-called "cult".

I have the misfortune to have the headquarters of "the Moonies" in

my constituency area and know from experience the great damage that can be done to families and especially the younger members. The tactics used by "the Moonies" are incompatible with freedom and the independence of the individual. It is true that their method of individual in the individual in the individual into the individua ation of the individual into their cult amounts to a form of

In our tree society people must beware the bogus and dangers, since it is not possible for Parliament to legislate against the specific nature of the Unification Church and the way it operates. JOHN D. WHEELER,

Prospective Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, City of Westminster, Paddington,

From Mr E. D. Trubshow

Sir, I read with surprise the article by Diana Patt (December 12) alleg-

ing growing protests about Moon Cult activities which, among other things, are said to teach children to hate their natural parents. Our student son has been a member of student son has been a member of this movement for three years, during which thine my wife and I have enjoyed a close and affec-tionate relationship with him; we will be spending Christmas together as always. Perhaps some parents react too strongly to what is prob-ably the first real assertion of their hilds tenthermal independence aby the first real assertion of their child's intellectual independence, producing all the consequent tragic family alienation.

I would add that neither my wife

nor I have any connexion with the Unification Church. Yours faithfully,

E. D. TRUBSHAW, 31 The Broadway, Wolverhampton.

Saving the Mostyn flagons From Mr Arthur Grimwade

From Mr Arthur Grimwade
Sir, While not gainsaying the beauty, quality of engraving and comparative rarity of the Mostyn flagons, may I be allowed to question my old friend Mr George Levy's description of them in his letter published by you yesterday (December 15) as "among the most outstanding masterpieces of English silver of the Elizabethan period still in existence".

in existence".

We do, in fact, have fortunately a number of other flagons of the period still in their original homes.

First comes the impressive pair of 1576 belonging to Cirencester Church engraved with a charming representation of the church, next in date that of 1583 at St George's Chapel, Windsor, matched by a copy of 30 years later. From 1587 dates the example at St Mary Westerth the example at St Mary Wooknoth Church in the City, slightly larger at 142 inches high than the Mostyn examples and of equal beauty with very similar engraving. A smaller flagon of 1597 belongs to Christ's College, Cambridge, and swo beautiful pear shaped examples of 1598 originally bequeathed to Eton College in 1631 are now divided between the Churches of Worples. don and Mapledurham. Another pair of the same year with the arms of Bishop Foxe are at his foundation Corpus Christi, Oxford, and again of the same year another finely chased pear shoped pair at Wadham. New College has a pair of plain flagons of 1602 after which we reach the James I period from which many examples survive in both college and

church possession. It is true that there are Elizabethen flagons in the Kremlin which have been there since presented by English embassies to the Tsar and one fine pair of 1597 are now in the Untermyer Collection in the Metro-politza Museum, New York, but to suggest, as Mr Levy's letter seems to do, that the loss of the Mosryn flagons would be a disaster to our heritage is, I would submit in the light of the above evidence, scarcely Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR GRIMWADE

Garrick Club, WC2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chinese lessons for Progress towards European elections the West From Lord Gladwyn element in the nominated defe-

Sir, It is generally agreed that the decisive defeat of proportional representation for the European elections by a combination of anti-Europeans and those chiefly interested in party politics means that such elections cannot in all probability be held in this country until the spring or early summer of 1979. Our remaining European friends in Stresbourg should realize that more optimistic forecasts may well be misleading. For during the coming year, and no doubt before the present Bill has received the Royal Assent, there will now quite likely be a general election, and the whole thing will have to start again from 'scratch. Even if this is not so, it is not so, it is not so. it is probable that the anti-Europeans will somehow drag out the proceedings until the autumn, and thus make a 1979 European

freedoms is a precipitate collapse of the system as we reach the end of readily available energy resources. If the free collective decision of the UK is to blow its North Sea resources in less than a generation, and before we have any idea about how to get on without them, we will be perpetraing a monstrous injustice on the many millions of children we are at present educating. election inevitable.

Since under existing agreements
European elections cannot take
place unless all members of the
EEC participate, we shall be
severely blamed for puring them off for a year and quite possibly for longer. Moreover, the effect on the opment of the Community will, in spite of attempts to minimize it, be deplorable, and possibly disastrous. Whether this is accepted or not, nobody can deny that such post-ponement will have an adverse effect on any attempts on our part to reform the Community or to make it more congenial from our point of view. How can we avoid such impleasant possibilities? The following proposal is my own idea, but it might be considered.

We should ask our partners to proceed with their own elections in May/June of 1978 and at the same time authorize us, by means of a special protocol, and as a purely temporary measure for a limited period, to nominate, until such time as we can pass the necessary less our \$1 members of the sary law, our 81 members of the new Parliament from among mem-bers of the Parliament of Westminster in accordance with a broad estimate, to be decided at a Speakers Conference, of existing political support in the country for the various political parties.

for the various political parties. This would ensure that votes taken in the new European Parliament would be genuinely representative of all European political tendencies. Thus the two major parties might conceivably agree on parity of representation at (say) 32 or 33 each, the Liberals about 89, the Scottish Nationalists 34, the Ulstermen 3, with, possibly, one Weish Nationalist—but these figures are purely illustrative.

Hustrative. In order to spread the load, it might be agreed that about 50 of the 81 should come from the Commons and the remainder from the Lords, including as meny former members of the House of Commons as possible. It is true that it might be difficult to find suitable MPs prepared to assume extra burdens, but they might only serve for a short period and then be replaced In selection much attention would also be paid to regions. There would

gation.

The temporary nominated members of the Parliament would receive only their vouched for ex-penses plus an agreed additional remuneration which would be sub-

ject to UK tax. After a general election, if that should take place before our law for European elections comes into operation, they would either be renominated or replaced so as to correspond with the new political situation.

Such a system would certainly not be ideal nor could it be anything but temporary. It might well, however, be preferable to the postponement for at least a year, and

perhaps for longer, of the stimulating experiment of a directly elec-ted European Assembly. In any case we surely owe it to our part-ners to offer to make some amends for a signal failure to fulfil an ourstanding international obligation. Yours faithfully, GLADWYN, 62 Whitehall Court, SW1.

From Mr Arthur Latham, MP for Paddington (Labour) Sir, Why is there talk of members of Parliament reneging, defecting or "letting down the Prime Minister"? Since when has a majority of MPs on either side of the Harse been supposed to have

the House been supposed to have a commitment to proportional representation? The opposite is the case.

And what is this so-called Lib-Lab pact Some time ago, in what we believed to be the national interest, Labour and Liberal MPs, in what was also their mutual self interest, went into the same lobby against a Tory censure motion, thus averting a general election at that

In the days leading up to this event, there were discussions and the Prime Minister made a statement in the Commons about the Government's intentions. (It seemed to me that the Prime Minister in-dicated that he would not ask the House to carry measures for which a majority could not be mustered. I had hardly expected otherwise!)
I was certainly not privy to discussions, before, during or after they took place. Nor was I at any stage asked to endorse any arrangement, or to give any undertaking then or subsequently on the subject of pro-portional representation or anything

This is assuredly the position of the great majority of Labour MPs. The Liberals are seldom all in the The Liberals are seldom all in the same lobby at one time: indeed, it might be said to be rare for them all to be at Westminster rogether. They certainly cannot "deliver" regularly. And many of us on the Labour side do not automatically obey the whip-least of all an invisible or non-existent one.

existent one. I am likely to vote with the Government on a future vote of confidence because I believe it should continue. The Liberals have a similar choice. Yours sincerely

ARTHUR LATHAM,

Working from home From Ms Tess Woodcraft

Sir, As a group of women legal workers, we are concerned at the number of laws and legal decisions which compound the practical prob-lems women face as a result of their position in society generally. The case of Mrs Hilary Burton, the child-minder who was held by the High Court in Leeds to be carrying out a business and therefore to be acting in contravention of a restrictive covenant on her home, is a clear illustration of this.

The decision has serious implica-tions for women on a number of

Firstly, if a "business" is car-ried on at home, it will probably be by a woman. Childminders, mail order agents, homeworkers in a number of skilled and unskilled fields (over half of whom, it is estimated, are technically self em-ployed) are almost all women. The reasons are obvious—they have small children to care for, they need to make some money (however little, and it is usually very little indeed) and they are frequently mable to find alternative work. The High Court decision will either lead ring court decision will either lead these women to give up working altogether, or they will continue, worrying the while about discovery and its consequences. Secondly, the decision could effectively wipe out childminding (or at least registered child mind-

ing) thereby dramatically reducing the number of child care places available (56,000 children are cared for by registered childminders) and for by registered childminders) and those hardest hit will, again, be women. For although childminding should not be seen as an alternative to community and work based nursery facilities, it is nevertheless the case that working women rely heavily on childminders and a reduction in the number will be a bitter blow especially at a time of cut backs in other child care provision. The decision could also make many currently unregistered childmany currently unregistered child-minders even more, wary and un-willing to register with their local authorities. Since registration is the only means available to ensure the adequacy of childminders care and access to it this, too, could have serious repercussions for parents and children alike.

Our predominantly male judiciary regard the home as a woman's domain. Countless judgments and judicial decisions bear this out. They certainly do not, however, consider her home to be her castle. When women's rights and property rights conflict, it is property rights which invariably prevail. We have seen this in rulings on the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act and now, in Mrs Burton's case, we have yet another example. Yours faithfully, TESS WOODCRAFT,

Rights of Wowen, 2 St Paul's Road, N1.

Hospitals for patients

From Mr Patrick MacMahon Sir, It appears that just before Christmas we are entering into a new phase of the old game of bashing the Realth Service Administrator, I have every sympathy with the writers of the three letters that you have so far published but I would like to make two fundamental would like to make two fundamental

points: Firstly, Health Service Administrators are becoming increasingly restive at being blamed by their medical and nursing colleagues for decisions and the results of them which were not in fact taken by the Administrators in the first place. The example quoted in your letters of the two extra bank holidays was negotiated at national level and the agreement was couched in such terms that it has proved impossible to arrange the two days to fall at times acceptable to everyone. A

Forces' pay

Yours faithfully,

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G. E. BRAITHWAITE, Hill View

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much simpler solution could have been negotiated but this has noth-ing to do with the Administrators who have to organize the conse-Quences. Secondly, the Realth Service has

suffered severely in the last three and a half years and with respect to your correspondents the Administrators have spent a very great deal of time and effort maintaining an organization totally disrupted by the events of 1974.

May I suggest as we enter a new year that the patient would be better served if we were able to discuss our problems with one snother at local level rather than publicly derogate professional colleagues. Yours faithfully,

PATRICK MacMAHON, Chairman, Association of Chief Administrators of Health Authorities, 17 Page Street, SW1. December 19.

Belize

From Lieut-Colonel G. E. Braith-

From the Premier of Belize Sir, The Latin American Banking section of *The Times* of December 13, page 11, has a map which excludes Belize. Please do not write Sir, Perhaps the Prime Minister would care to explain why, and how, the Old Age Pension has increased by 15 per cent and the Retired Pay for Officers by 17.70 per cent for us off the map as we exist as a country with all the entitutes of independence and only recently the United Nations voted strongly in the coming year, whilst at the same time he refuses a decent living wage favour of a secure independence and territorial integrity of Belize. Please support the United Kingdom vote in the United Nations in favour of Belize. for serving personnel?

Believe me, Sir, I am not complaining of my own very welcome good fortune—I benefit from both increases.

GEORGE PRICE, Premier's Office, Belmopan, Belize December 19.

Jumping the gun on demolition

From Lord Northfield

Sir. On July 11 this year I raised in the House of Lords the future of the very attractive and historically interesting collection of ware-houses in the Free Trade Wharf area of Wapping in London's East End. Very few groups of buildings as fine as these, originally built by the East India Company, are now left in dockland. On that occasion there was a not inconsiderable interest displayed in the fate of these buildings and in trying to retain

them.

The site is owned by the Inner London Education Authority who have applied to the GLC for outline planning permission to develop the site for a polytechnic despite the fact that this is not in the joint dockland plan. However, so far neither has this application been approved nor have the ILEA produced any detailed plans of their intentions for the site. At the same time there are others, local people, who have worked up plans, now with the borough council, to convert the existing buildings for mixed workshop and domestic use so as to bring work and housing back into a run down area, and in an architecturally exciting scheme.

Against this background the ILEA began, on Wednesday (December 14), without warning, to demolish the unlisted buildings on the city unlisted by gill attention. the site, unlisted but still attractive and, as they are the majority of the and, as they are the majority of the buildings, a vital part of the visual unity of the area and of its character. This, given the working of our planning system, neither the GLC as planning authority nor the Secretary of State can stop.

The action seems to pre-empt-

exactly as I warned in the Lords-not only the GLC's decision on the ILEA's outline planning application but also the possible conversion of these buildings either for the proposed polytechnic or for some other use. Moreover, the demo-lition began without any of the lition began without any of the interested parties being informed; even the borough council seemed startled by the suddenness and apparent secrecy of the operation. So yet again, despite recent reassurances from the Department of the Environment and County Hall, we are found by demolicing than the county hall, we are found by demolicing than the county hall, we are found by demolicing than the county hall, we are found to the county hall, the same found to the county hall, the same found to the county hall, the same found to the county hall the cou we are faced by demolition-happy officials operating behind closed doors. The chance of creating a viable community giving employment and housing to a run down area has been lost. Some fine historic buildings have here historic buildings have been destroyed. All this done only to create yet another corrugated from surrounded site of rubble to lie waste and idle while the ILEA mull over the possible use which they may have for the land (many years hence).

It may be that the site is suitable for a polytechnic, though there are reasons to doubt this; it may be that the existing buildings would be difficult and uneconomic to convert, though independent expert advice has questioned this; it may be, as the ILEA claim, that by keeping the buildi a massive rate burden. But none of this is excuse for the seemingly covert and secretive manner in which a ruthless and, as yet, unjustified demolition of more historic buildings has been rushed. Yours faithfully,

NORTHFIELD. House of Lords.

The price of petrol From the Chairman of the British Railways Board

Sir, Michael Baily, your transport correspondent, as usual showed judgment in the handling of the story around my views about petrol prices. I have been interpreted from a quotation in the interview with the International Railway Journal as calling for a 13p in-crease, in the price of petrol per gallon. But the context makes my meaning perfectly plain. I was not advocating that petrol should go up overnight by 13p a gallon, but overnight by 13p a gallon, but rather drawing attention to the amount by which the real price of petrol had been allowed to fall since 1975. I was stressing the need to relate the price of petrol to an overall national energy policy. As a national industry (and a relatively efficient user of energy in the transport field) we have no desire to see the nation's scarce resources squandered. As an operator in a very competitive transport market we certainly do not wish to see the gap in costs between relative modes of transport being allowed to widen artificially.

ficially This is not a road versus rail argument. It is a question of energy policy in the longer term. We have confidence in our own contribution to the energy problem.

Yours sincerely PETER PARKER, Chairman, British Railways Board, 222 Marylebone Road, NW1.

The courteous guil

From Air Marshal Sir Leslie Mayor

Sir, Could not the answer to Mr Dawson's question (December 7) be that the seeming courtesy of the guil on the flagpole arises from the knowledge that he is in no position to argue? If he stands his ground, he fights from a precarious foothold, whilst if he takes off to cornest possession he will be at an immediate and serious disadvantage in height and speed. So the sensible course is to make for another flag-pole, knowing that, if tenanted, it will be surrendered with vacant Yours faithfully,

LESLIE MAYOR, Barlaston House, Alne, York

From Mr M. W. Pienkowski

Sir, It is perhaps a tribute to the advertising industry's ability to increase its own business that urban gulis now apparently see a need to employ agents to improve their corporate image while they themselves chase each other from perches. Yours sincerely, M. W. PIENKOWSKI, 1 West Feuton Cottages, North Berwick, East Lothian.

The talks between the Smith enough to produce a "blocking government and the three third" to veto constitutional internal black Rhodesian groups changes while four million

toirds. in a formula for a settlement. When that sixth principle was

negotiate will give white Zimbabweans full security. This pill must be gulped. Once the transition is made their security leadership, technically, economi-

TO WHAT FUTURE ARE THEY RELEASED? At a symbolic ceremony attended coup was initiated by a left-wing brave enough the consent of

through ".

group of army officers and not neighbours is also needed. by the Indonesian Communist When all these hurdles are Party as such. This makes the overcome the prisoner must show guilt attributed to any member that he has a guaranteed job to go hack to. The rare few who of that party and many thousands more alleged to have communist pass'all these tests must still face sympathies a post-coup assumpmonths of house detention followed by six months more of restriction to town or village during which weekly reporting to foul different government organizations will be required of them. Obviously the majority will fail to meet such onerous stipulations. For them, scattered over the Indonesian islands, are resettlement centres awaiting "volunteers". These are mostly Sulawesi and those who are from those parts have at least the hope of a life lived within reach of the bonds that they could visit. Java has no room to speak of for rescribement. For the majority from the over-populated island resettlement means plesolate islands like Buru or such similar settings that Indonesia offers as the tropical equivalent of Siberia. They will get land and material to build a house with but that is not very promising when their new freedom amounts to moving

from one camp to another.

and much of the decision-making authority it has had since racing

first became organized. The new proposals are broadly similar to

those of many other bodies which

have given evidence to the Royal

Commission, and it is also clear

that the commission itself-which

should report in the second half

of next year—has been thinking along the same lines. Jockey

Club opposition would have made

implementation of a recom-

mendation for an overall racing

authority difficult. The way is now open for such a step to be

taken with the full participation

and support of the vast majority

to nationalization of racing. It

would cost the taxpayer very

little, since revenue for racing

would continue to come mainly

from levies on bookmakers. It

would ensure that decisions would be taken by those intimately concerned with the

industry, over a much broader

The proposal would not amount

of racing interests.

These are the arguments from the past. What of the future for ledge of lovalty to

tion and no more.

those released? Have they been given their freedom? We are told that those leaving the camp yesterday appeared apathetic towards their release. And well they might be. A renunciation of their communist ideology and Suharto given at the ceremony was not the only thing required of them. They also had had to show that in the camp they were following a way of life in accordance with the approved doctrine of panchsila. Then their families had to accept them back, which many have been unwilling to do lest the security of the family might thereby be endangered. At one women's camp the commandant admitted that 95 per cent of prisoners' families had

deemed to have been involved in the 1965 coup but for whom evidence is insufficient. There still remain 1,925 category A prisoners awaiting trial for their It may be wondered whether the Indonesian Government deserves any credit for these releases in face of constant Amnesty International and the International Commission of Jurists. Even allowing for the figures—which Amnesty believes to be understated-what of the prisoners' guilt? Whatever the Indonesian Government may

choose to believe, many outside refused to receive their relatives. observers think that the 1965 And even when families are

STATE BOARD FOR RACING status of women in society, but it was, for the Jockey Club, an

criticized in the past for being almost revolutionary step. Yesterday, it revealed an astonishing about-turn in its attitude to the future of racing in appropriate to a past period of social history. That assessment Britain. Having previously expressed to the Royal Commission was exaggerated, but contained a measure of truth. Racing is on Gambling its strong opposition ramifications of importance to to the concept of a national the country's economy. It generates, directly and—through racing authority to govern the industry, which would take over some of the powers now exercised by the club itself, it has changed mind. In supplementary evidence to the commission, it has put forward its own suggestions for such an authority. The Jockey Club would have two of the ten places on the new body, with the Home Office appointing three others, including the chairimpenetrable to all but a very man, and other interests in the racing industry holding the ever, the Jockey Club has shown

remaining five places. The detail needs elaboration, but the proposal is, on the whole, sound, and it is greatly to the credit of the Jockey Club that Earlier this month it announced it has reassessed its former view and reached the conclusion it admitted women to membership. has now put forward, especially as it involves the club in divestin recognition of the enhanced ing itself of many of the powers

month of 5 BC was linked, perhaps retrospectively and with the benefit

of hindsight, with an important and

potentially treasonable suggestion put forward in the sixth month. At

the time the Emperor lay ill and

there was no heir to the imperial throne. Some believed that the Han

dynasty had run its course and

stood in need of rededication by both symbolical and practical

actions, and an edict ordered cer-tain changes to be made with this

intention. But unfortunately these measures failed of their purpose;

the young emperor's illness con-tinued unabated, and the death penalty faced those who had sug-gested that dynastic changes were

the only portent to appear in 5 BC.

At the very moment when senior officials of state were receiving

their charge, an unexplained sound of bells ringing was heard in the court. At another time there was a report of the birth of a three legged

colt. In 4 BC seven 80-foot long

monsters were cast up on the shores of East China; elsewhere the hewn

base than is the case at present. The reconsidered attitude of the Jockey Club can only be to the benefit of racing.

Your readers may be interested to

timbers of a rotten tree suddenly arose of their own accord; and from another fallen wooden column there sprouted a branch shaped like a human being, strangely coloured and bearing hair.

Sir, the people of Han China lived in strange times and they were quick to note the disturbances of the natural order and to invest them with a political significance. There was indeed a brief soteric logical movement gathering strength in China at the time, and culminating (3 EC) in mass meet-ings of those who called on the Queen Mother of the West for pro-tection and the gift of immortality. note that there were some who regarded strange emanations in the heavens, seen on March 4 6 BC, as an omen that predicted that strange outbreak of popular feeling. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL LOEWE, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Cambridge, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 20. His Excellency Mr Nanediri Wimalasena was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as Hob Commissions for the Benth

High Commission, who had the

Monour of being presented to Her Majesty:—Mr C. Gunasingham (Minister). Mr J. C. Rajapakse (Counsellor), Mr A. M. Jayasinha (First Secretary), Mr M. L. Fernando (Trade Commissioner), Mr R. P. F. Jayasinha (First Secretary) R. P. E. Jayasinghe (Third Secre-tary), Mr M. Sundaralingam (Com-mercial Attache) and Mr S. E.

mercial Attache) and Mr S. B.
Atugoda (Third Secretary).
Mrs Wimalasena had the honour
of being received by The Queen.
Mr R. A. Hibbert (Deputy
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs), who had the honour of
being received by Her Majesty,
was present and the Gentlemen of
the Household in Waiting were in
attendance. attendance.
The Queen held a Council at 12.20 o'clock this afternoon at which The Duke of Edinburgh was

There were also present:-The There were also present:—The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Elwyn-Jones (Lerd Chancellor), the Right Hon Michael Foot. MP (Lord President), the Lord Pearl (Lord Privy Seal), Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Adeane, the Right Hon Merlyn Rees, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), the Right Hon Bruce Millian, MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), the Right Hon John Morris, MP (Secretary of State for Wales), the Right Hon Roy Mason, MP (Secretary of State for Wales), the Right Hon Roy Mason, MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris, the Right Hon Margaret Toatcher, MP (Leader of the Opposition), the Right Hon David Steel, MP (Leader of the Liberal

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Anthony Hugh Francis, sixth Earl of Rossilya, will be held on Friday, January 6, at noon in Rosslyn Chapel, Midlothian. the Imperial Russian Corps of Pages. Nineteen guests attended, the eldest of whom was Colonel Baron von der Osten-Driesen, of the Chevaller Gardes Regiment. Prince Dimitri of Russia presided.

for those involved in the Royal

Mr John Maddocks, the outgoing Vice Commodore and Mr Robin

Aisher, the incoming Vice Com-modore.

also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Com-manding Officer of the Sth/8th Battalion of The King's Regiment.

Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson would like to take this opportunity of wishing all their friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Reynolds Veitch is ill in a nursing home and is not sending Christmas cards but sends all best wishes for Christmas and 1978 to her friends.

Heritage film series.

CLARENCE HOUSE

Dinner

Guild of the Freemen of the City of Loudon

Same and Sinners Club of London held a luncheon at the Dorchester hotel yesterday. Mr Brlan Harpur was in the chair and the other speakers were Sir Brlan Young, Sir Huw Wheldon and Mr Reginald Murley. Among the guests were: The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladtes, attended the annual dinner of the Guild of the annual dinner of the Guild of the Freemen of the City of London held at Guildhail yesterday evening. The Master, Mr Harold Gould, presided. Among others present were:

The Israell Ambassador, Viscount Knobworth, Lord Wakofield of Kendai, Lord Hunt, Mr William Whitelaw, MP, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, General Sir James Marshall-Cornwall, the Chief Habbi, the Agont-General for Tasmania, Alderman Peter Gadsden, Canon Douglas Webster, the Master of the Bakers Company, the President of the United Wards Club, the President of the City Livery Club.

nd Mr Reginald Murley, Among the guests were:

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That Marila Gillial, Sir Desmond Plumer, Sir Neel Murless, Sir Donald
saling and Air Vice-Marshai Johnnie
linson. Imperial Russian Corps of Pages A luncheon was held on Thursday, December 15, at 10 Belgrave Square to commemorate the 175th auniversary of the founding of

March by torchlight to Welsh Bethlehem

Party), the Right Hon Donald Stewart, MP (Leader, Parliamen-tary Scottish National Party) and the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore (Private Secretary to The Queen). The Prince of Wales was intro-luced as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Bethlehem

Female domestics, women in general, squirrels and horses in Wales can contemplate the general, squirrels and horses in Wales can commplate the approach of Christmas with more confidence than their kind did in the past. Mari Lwyd may still march through some villages of west Wales but the law has stamped out the custom of holly-beating, whereby men and boys armed with large prickly bushes rengaged in a furious onslaught "on the naked and unprotected arms of female domestics and others of a like class".

Wales now differs little in Mr Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. The Right Hon Michael Foot, MP, had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a reception at Buckingham Palace this evening The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Council of Engineering Institutions, this morning at Buckingham Palace presented the MacRobert Award Prize and Medal for 1977.

The Prince of Wales, Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, this morning received Mr John Maddocks, the outgoing

Wales now differs little in custom or practice from the rest of Britain at Christmas. For most In the principality it is a com-

while a minority attend church or chapel.

An even smaller group will march to raise money for charlty, and 140 young people will tonight reach the village of Bethlehem in Dyfed having walked many miles to help Christiau Aid. After arriving from four points in south and mid-Wales, the walkers will hold a torchlight procession through the village before joining in carol services. The Rev Wynn Vittle, national

organizer for Christian Aid in Wales, said Cardiff had been chosen as one of the starting points as it is 70 miles from the Dyfed village, the distance from Nazareth to Bethlehem in the Holy

It has been a busy time, too, in the Bethlehem post office, which makes a healthy profit from the sale of special covers stamped with the name of the village.

Squirrels and horses, however, can relax. The old customs described by Trevor M. Owen in his book Welsh Folk Customs of hunding the one and blooding the other have disappeared.

Only Mari Lwyd, a pre-Christian horse ceremony, retains a tenuous grip in some parts of Glamorgan

Not all the 300 people of Bethlehem will see the torchlight parade. Some will be attending the Welsh language nativity play being performed by children who attend the Congregational chapel that lends its name to the village. the symbol to the door of an inn or house and engage in a musical battle of wits with those on the

inside.
In one verse, Mari Lwyd sings:
"Oh tap the barrel, let it flow
freely, don't be too stingy with
singers:" Those inside reply: "Jenkins the parson is coming. Upon my soul he will make you leave my dwelling."

It is a reminder to the people of Bethlehem and other parts of Wales that at Christmas time the pulpit is, for a short period, as influential as the pub.

Church call for action on atrocities in Cambodia

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent In a joint statement issued to-

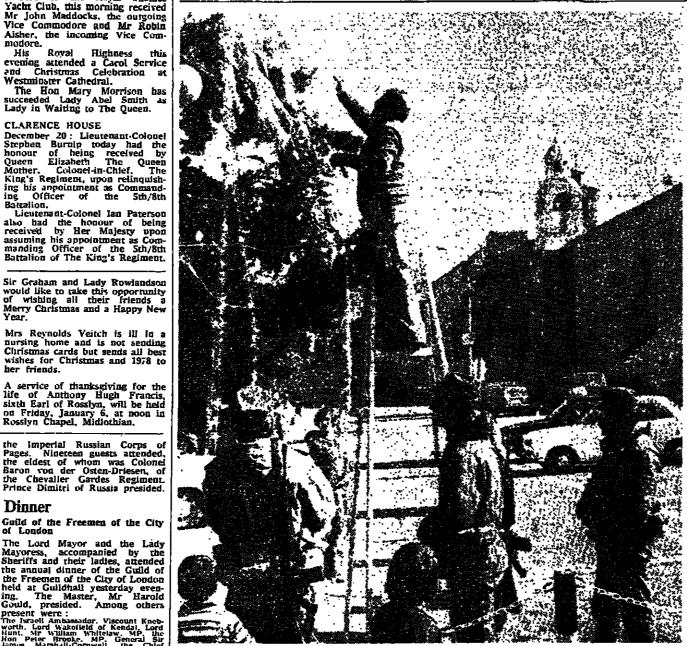
a joint statement issued to-day, representatives of all the main churches in Britain call upon the British Government and people to come to the aid of the victims of persecution in Cambodia and ask that the num-ber of refugeest admirted m the victims of persecution in Cambodia and ask that the number of refugees admitted to Britain be increased.

It is rare for the British Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Justice and Peace Commission to join in an appeal of this kind. It is to be followed next February by a joint service in Westminster Cathedral, which will consist of a four-hour vigil. The statement "profoundly deplores" the atroctites perpentated in Cambodia since the victory of the Khmer Rouge in 1975, and calls for action from the World Council of Churches in Geneva and from the Varican. It welcomes the British Government's decisions to bring Cambodia to the attention of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and to international funds for refugees. However, the churches want Britain to do more. They propose that the Government should make grants to voluntary agencies working in refugee camps in Thailand, encourage other countries to accept refugees for settlement and increase the present allocation of encourage omer countries to accept refugees for settlement and in-crease the present allocation of entry permits to refugees without reducing the allocation for other categories of immigrants.

categories of immigrants.
In an accompanying paper, the British Council of Churches says it is estimated that between one and two million people have died and about 30,000 more have fied.
"In order to build a new society, the human rights of Cambodia are being systematically violated on a massive scale. News of the atrocities has been slow to reach the outside world and only now is a full picture building up", it says.

Says.

Lord Elton, who is on the staff of the Committee of International Affairs of the Church of England, recently visited Thailand and international control of the Church of England, recently visited Thailand and international control of the co



A Christmas tree is decorated under the watchful eyes of armed Israeli guards outside the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Marriages

Luncheons

Saints and Sinners Club

Mr P. J. Finch and Miss C. Dods The marriage took place on December 3, at All Souls' Church, Langham Place, between Mr Peter John Finch, son of the late Alex Finch and of Mrs Finch, of Slough, and Miss Caroline Dods, daughter of Dr and Mrs A. S. Dods, of Care Town

Mr D. G. M. Skene and Miss A. A. Campbell

The marriage took place on Saturday. December 17, 1977, at Foss Parish Church, Loch Tummel, Scotland, of Mr Danus George Moncrieff Skene, of Sronan, Foss, Pitlochry, and Miss Audrey Anne Campbell, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Donald Campbell. The Rev Hamish Walker officiated. Mr David McDonald was best man. David McDonald was best man.

Mr J. A. Wigan and Miss R. C. Kirkpatrick The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's Church, Little day at St Peter's Church, Little Rissington, between Mr James Wigan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dare Wigan, of West Blagdon, Cranborne, Dorset, and Miss Rose Kirkpatrick, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kirkpatrick, of Rissington Manor, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, The Rev Rex Hancock, SCF, and Canan H.

Rex Hancock, SCF, and Canan H. Cheales officiated.

The bride, who was given in nurriage by her father, was attended by Alice Player and Robin Kirkpatrick, Mr Dominic Wigan was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Senegal.

Pirthdays today

Sir Robert Armitage, 71; Sir Arthur Benson, 70; Air Commandant Dame Jean Bromet, 65; Lord Caccia, 72; Sir Norman C: dzow, 65; Sir Francis Cook, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Raymond Hawkins, 68; Lord Justice Lawton, 66; Sir Leslie H. Martin, 77; Mr W. M. M. Milligen, 70; the Most Rew John A. Murphy, 72; Sir Kenneth O'Connor, 81; Mr Anthony Powell, 72; Flight Lieutenant W. Reid, VC, 56; Dame Rebecca West, 85.

Inner Temple

Mir W. J. Glover, QC, Mr A. R. A. Beldam, QC, and Mr H. J. Leonard. QC, have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner

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Forthcoming marriages

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of the late Major E. C. O. Thompson and of Mrs E. C. O. Thompson, SW3 and Matilda elder daughter of Major and the Hon Mrs Fergus Matheson, of Hedenham Old Rectory, Bungay, Suffolk.

Mr R. M. Ayre and Miss A. D. Turvill The engagement is announced between Richard Malcolm, only son of Mr M. C. G. Ayre, of Ford Cottage, Eynsford, Kent, and the late Mrs Brenda Ayre, and Anne Donnison, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs J. R. Turvill, of The Manor, Wyke Champflower, Bruton, Somerset.

Mr J. A. Brewer and Miss T. A. Swiney

and Miss T. A. Swiney
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan Andrew, elder
son of Professor and Mrs D. F.
Brewer, of Broughton Astley,
Lewes, Sussex, and Tessa Alexandra, younger daughter of Colonel
and Mrs D. A. Swiney, of Nethercote House, Bourton-on-theWater, Gloucestershire.

Latest wills

Miss Agues Clarke, of Truro, left C378,885 net. She left four paintings to the Tate Gallery, "Dogs and Hare" by De Hamilton, 1706: "Dog" by J. Seymour, 1702-1752: "Horse" by J. Seymour, 1702-1752, and a Portuguese painting of St Agues (unnamed). After personal bequests she left the residue equally among the RSPCA, mid-Cornwall branch, Dr Baruardo's. World Wildlife Fund, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and Cats Protection League. League.

Cother estates include (net, before tax paid: tax not disclosed):

Bailey, Mr Sydney Frederick Thomas, of Stanmore ... £277,064
Findlay, Mrs. Ruth, of Birmingham £189,930
Hilton, Mr Robert Drewitt, of Bromley ... £190,067
Preston, Mr Harry Edward Willian James, of Romsley, West Midlands ... £120,496

and mass C. J. Fisher
The engagement is announced
between Charles Ross, son of
Brigadier and Mrs J. B. Birkett,
of West Tillingham House, Hartfield, Sussex, and Charlotte Jane,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
C. R. de M. Fisher, of Downs
Farm House, Yalding, Kent.

Mr G. L. Brock and Miss K. Stewart Sandeman The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Professor and Mrs Michael Brock. of St Leonard's Road, Exeter, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roland Stewart Sandeman, of Manor, Ashineton Yeovil,

Captain V. J. Brook-Fox and Miss N. F. G. Baker The engagement is announced hetween Julian Brook-Fox, 15th/ 19th The King's Royal Hossars, son of Colonel and Mrs R. E. Brook-Fox, of Bradford, Devon, and Nicola, daughter of Mr P. G. Baker, of Gorey, Jersey, and Mrs E. W. J. Watkins, of Wonersh,

Mr C. W. B. Johnson and Miss M. E. Somerscales The engagement is announced between Colin, elder son of Mr H. W. F. Johnson, DSC, and the late Mrs Johnson, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. L. Somerscales, of Finchley.

Sir Wintringham Stable
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Lord Edmund-Davies at
a memorial service for Sir Wintringham Stable held at the Temple
Church yesterday. The Master,
the Very Rev R. L. P. Milburn
officiated, and Mr Justice Bristow. Treasurer of the Middle
Temple, read the lesson. Among
others present were:

Self-poisoning by a deliberate overdose of drugs is one of the commonest reasons for emergency

admission to hospital: it accounts for about 15 per cent of all acute

medical emergencies. The Depart-

ment of Health has recommended that in all such cases the patient

should be referred to a designated

hospital treatment centre and he seen before discharge by a psychia-

That advice is not always fol-

lowed; general practitioners treat some patients without reference to hospital and many patients who are admitted either discharge

themselves or are sent home before they are seen by a psychiatrist.

Is an assessment by a psychia-trist really necessary? A study at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cam-bridge, has suggested that it is not. Doctors there admitted 312 cases of self-poisoning over a period of eight months and divided them into two groups.

Those in the first group were

Memorial services

Sir Wintringham Stable

Mr T. Reynolds and Miss P. M. A. Clayton and Miss P. M. A. Clayton The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. W. Reynolds, of The Hall, Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, and Priscilla, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Clayton, of Cheyney Bury, Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire.

and Miss C. T. Boyle The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. W. Richards-Carpenter, of Carford, Loudon, and Carol, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. R. Boyle, of Barnet, Hertfordshire

Mr N. C. T. Shailer and Miss S. M. R. Slater

and Miss S. M. H. Slater
The engagement is appropried between Nicholas, som of Mr T. Shailer, of 31 Dean Street, Brighton, Sussex, and the late Mrs G. Shailer, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. Slater, of Manor Farm, Bungay, Suffolk. Captain M. A. J. Sheehan and Miss R. Armstrong

The engagement is announced between Michael Sheehan, The Royal Corps of Signals, younger son of Major and Mrs S. P. Sheehan, of Manor Place, Edinburgh, and Ruth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John V. Armstrong, of Corfe Castle, Dorset.

Michiethwast. QC. Mr Justice O'Contor. Mr Justice Nield 'Treasurer of
the inner Temple', Mr Justice Forbes.
Mr Justice Goom Johnson. Lady
Brabin. Lady Bristow, Judge Sir Nocman Richards. Sir John Compton
Miller, Mr Justice Ross, Mr Justice
Theeliger, Mr Justice Park, Mr Justice
Watkins, Mr Justice Tulbot, Mr Justice
Watkins, Mr Justice Tulbot, Mr Justice
Watkins, Mr Justice Tulbot, Mr Justice
Mani-Jones, Mr Justice Mani-Jones,
Mr Justice Mani-Jones,
Mr Justice Acknor. Mr
Justice and Lady
Latry, Mr Justice Hollings, Mr Justice
Wood.

Science report

Drugs: Treatment for self-poisoning

seen by a medical ream that had been instructed to assess the patients' mental state and to choose whether to refer them to a

psychiatrist; in practice only 16 per cent were so referred. The patients

cent were so referred. The patients in the second group, were all seen by a psychiatrist for an initial assessment. The later treatment votied but most patients were seen in outputient clinics either by social workers or by psychiatrists.

In theory, if the choice of suitable treatment depended on a psychiatric assessment the patients in

able treatment depended-on a psychiatric assessment the patients in the first group should have fared less well after discharge from hospital than those who had been seen early on by a psychiatrist.

In practice, there was no obvious difference in the outcome of the two groups of patients, and indeed fewer of those seen by the medical resens than those seen by the psychiatrist took further overdoses of drugs, though the difference was small.

The trial was not designed to test the effectiveness of the treat-

Westminster City Library buys seven local views

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
Westminister City Library invested in views of the borough at Sotheby's Belgravia yesterday. It spent £55 (estimate £30 to £60) on four pen, pench and wash views of Shepberd Market and £42 (estimate £30 £50) on three pen-andwash drawings, St Anne's Court, Soho, Rupert Court and another. Since the lot had been estimated at \$30 to £120, it seems acape; her dates were £36-£60) on the borough at Since the lot had been estimated at \$30 to £120, it seems as drawings, specialist in urban land-scape; her dates were £36-£60) on three pen-andwash drawings, were by Amy Joseph, a specialist in urban land-scape; her dates were £36-£60. Sotheby's were selling a large group of her drawings, all of Louis Untermeyer, the lot in question was marked by an of Loudon views; they looked as if they that the special some publication, possibly in the late 1930s.

The sale of Victorian paintings, drawings and watercolours was Sotheby's sale of modern and contents of the dark as to the infentity of the dark as to the infentity of the process. Sotheby sale of modern and contents are proposed at regular process. Sotheby's sale of modern and contents are processed in her the name of lulia de Beausobre included Creative Suffering (1940), Russian Letters of Direction (1944), and Flame in the Snow, A Russian Letters of Direction (1944), and Flame in the Snow, A Russian Letters of Direction (1944), and Flame in the Snow, A Russian Letters of Direction (1944), and Flame in the Snow, A Russian Letters of Direction (1944), and Flame in the Snow, A Russian Letters of Direction (1945), a biography of Saint Serasim of Saint

The sale of Victorian paintings, drawings and watercolours was very much and end-of-season affair without highlights, totalling £27,045, with 7 per cent unsold. Four lots were bid to £520, the top price of the day, including a moody view of a woodland pond framed by silver birches by Thomas Ireland (estimate £400 to £800).

Sotheby's in Bond Street had an end-of-season offering of Euro-pean ceramics, There were a few surprises where dealers saw more

and which do not.

By Our Medical Correspondent

Source: British Medical Journal December 17 (1567, 1977).

the dark as to the identity of the piece.

Sotheby's sale of modern and antique firearms contained, as usual, some large prices for modern sporting guns; a pair of 12-bore sporting guns by Boss and Co made £6,500 (estimate £4,800 to £5,400), to Reimer Trading, a dealer from Denmark. The top price among the antique guns was £3,900 (estimate £1,800 to £2,000) for a silver-mounted Hintiock fowling piece with London hallmarks for 1764, which went to N. Black.

Mr G. Blackett
A memorial service for Mr Geoffrey Blackett was held at St James's, Picconfilly, yesterday. The Rev William Baddeley officiated. Mr Rex Sterry gave an address and the lesson was read by Air Chief Marsbal Sir Lewis Hodges (son-in-law). Among those present were:

Mrs G. Blackett iwidow: Lody Hodges (son-in-law) and daughter: Mr and Mrs Glaude Boys-Stones (son-in-law) and daughter: Mr and Mrs Picarles Boys-Stones (son-in-law) and daughter: Mr and Mrs Picarles Boys-Stones (grandchildren). Mr and Mrs Polar Hodges, Stones and Mr Francis Boys-Stones (grandchildren). Mr and Mrs Polar Hodges, Lord Glendyne (R. Nivison and Col. Brigger Glendyne (R. Nivison and Col. Air Chief Marshall Sir Brian Burnett Ichaliman. All England Lawn Tennis Club). Sir Poter and Lady Danniell. Major-General Bir Gerold Duke. Major-General Bir Gerold Duke Mr F. S. Miles to be British High Commissioner to Bengladesh. Professor Sir Sam Edwards, FRS, Flummer Professor of Physics of Cambridge, to be chairman of the Defence Scientific Advisory

Catherine Jacob to be communi-cations officer to the Pre-school Playgroups Association.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales attends carol concert in aid of Malcolm Sargen Cancer Fund for Children, Albert Hall, 7.15. Project on Victorian Christmas, including card-making Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, 10

Christmas gifts and tovs exhibi-tion, Design Centre, Haymarket, 9.30-9.

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Warning to Russia From Our Own Correspondent

ment given to patients who had-taken overdoses. What it set out to do, and indeed showed, was that Washington, Dec 19.—President Truman made a detailed defence of no formal psychiatric training is needed to sort out which such patients need specialist treatment his Administration's foreign policy in the past seven years in a speech to the National War College this morting. He said the sum total of the actions America had taken in these seven years should have made it clear to the Russian leaders that they could not gain their objectives by force. "The Russians know", the President coptinued, "that America is becoming strong. They know the strength and unity of the free world is mounting. They can gain nothing from war but catastrophe." The President went on to say that American policy met its Junior doctors and nurses can be taught how to evaluate patients' psychosocial difficulties and to identify the suicidal and the depressed. The time has come, the Cambridge doctors say, to use a selective approach to the management of parasuccides, and refer ment or parasorters, and rener only those who need it for psychiatric treatment. Such a policy would allow scarce specialist resources to be used more effectively and would also help doctors and nurses to realize the importance of their patients' psychological and social proubles. say that American policy met its greatest test when the Communists attacked the Korean republic. "That was the greatest chal-lenge", he said. "That was the crisis which decided whether we meant what we said, whether we were really determined towards the United Nations and the concepts of international law and order."

OBITUARY

SIR REGINALD ROOTES Contribution to British motor industry partnership

death is announced at the age of 86, was one half of a famous and successful partnership in the British motor industry. He was briefly chairman of the Rootes Group and chairman of Humber Limited, the company governing the group's manufacturing activities at the rime when the link with Chryslers of America was formed.

With his brother the first Lord Rootes (Billy Rootes). Reginald helped to build up over the years the large organization which manufactured Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam and Singer cars, and Commer and Karrier comercial vehicles, and which controlled numerous dis-tributing and other companies at home and overseas.

Born on October 20, 1896, at Goudhurst, Kent, the son of William Roores, cycle and motor engineer, he was educated at Crambrook School and entered the Civil Service. He served at the Admiralty during the First World War, but at its end the left to join his brother in the car distributing business he was building in Kent. It was soon to expand Born on October 20, 1896, at Kent. It was soon to expand

Together the two men turned the business into the largest car distribution organization in

Sir Reginald Rootes, whose manufacturing. The Rootes leath is announced at the age Group, as it later became if 86, was one half of a famous known, took shape with the und successful partnership in acquisition of control in 1929. of the Humber, Hillman and Commer companies and other famous names followed until the group had become a powerful, almost self-contained claim. In the 1930s appeared one of the most popular of British small cars the Hillman Minx.

small cars the Hillman Mink.
Its success was immediate.

During the Second World .

Wer, the group's resources a were turned over to war-time a production and Reginald Rootes played a prominent part in the application of quantity are during methods to aero-

Rootes Argentina SA, then one of the first organizations for the promotion of British vehicle sales in Latin America.

In 1943 he was elected vice-president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders and he held office as president of that body in 1945-46. He was also a former president of the Motor Industry Research Association.

in the application of quantity production methods to aeroengine and aircraft construction. This work earned him a
knighthood in 1946.

Like his brother Billy, Reginald Rootes has travelled extensively. As early as 1931,
while he was attending the
British Empire Exhibition at
Buenos Aires, he founded
Rootes Argentina SA, then one
of the first organizations for

He was twice married.

the country, until in the late twenties, they decided to begin He was twice ma

LADY NAMIER

Namier, who died yesterday at the age of 84, was the widow of Sir Lewis Namier, the distinguished historian, whom she merried en secondes noces in 1947. After his death in 1960 she wrote an outstanding biography of him (Lewis Namier 1971) which won two literary prizes. She was also the author of a number of remarkable books and articles on spiritual subjects.

of four months. In 1932 her husband and she were both im-prisoned by the Soviet authori-ties, and unknown to her at the time he was shot Meantime she herself was sent to a con-centration camp, but in 1934 she was able to leave the Soviet Union when a ransom of £500 was paid by her former English governess, Mrs Alfred Catt.

Subsequently, in England, where she lived for the remainder of her life, she wrote

Iulia Michaelovna, Lady these books reflect her unwavering faith. But although she was steeped in Russian Orthodoxy she was also well versed in other traditions, and through her intense interest in the lives and problems of others, she came to exercise, in an entirely unobtrusive way, a very special kind of ministry, for she was able to convey her insights to the non-Orthodox with penetraling discernment.

Born in St Petersburg in 1893, the daughter of wealthy parents, Michael and Julia Kazarin, her first marriage, three weeks before the Revolution, was to a Russian diplomat Nikolai de Beausobre (whose family had Huguenot origins). One child, Dimitri, was born to them in 1922 at a time of severe famine; he died of statvation at the age of four months. In 1932 her Her conversation was characan empress, and the imperious, even scornful tone of her voice. with its softly deliberate accentuations, seemed forbidding to some. There was nothing timidly tactful about her manner, or tentative about her opinions. Rather she possessed something of the quality of steel, and her outspokenness could be disconcerting. Yet the radiant sweetness of her smile spoke of the Christian love that animated her, and kindness was a quality she valued supremely.

mainder of her life, she wrote an inspiring account of her prison experiences; The Woman who Could not Die (1938), and thereafter her literary work under the name of Iulia de Beausobre included Creative Beausobre included Creative Suffering (1940), Russian Letters of Direction (1944), and Elemin in the Sanu A Russian been able to said that she had

that Untermeyer was to make his greatest impact on the American literary scene, His Modern American Poetry which

a jeweiler, he was both in 1005 whitman (1951); The Book of and worked in his father's Living Verse (1931); New factory for twenty years after Modern American and British Poetry (1950); and Treasury of poetry appeared at regular Great Poems (1955). He also wrote a biography of Heine and two autobiographies From Moses, in 1928.

But it was as an anthologist Russians (1965) Bygones (1965).

A friend of many well known contemporary American writers American literary scene. His Modern American Poetry which appeared in 1919, was an immediate popular guide to the new poets writing in America at that point and subsequently that that point and subsequently the later produced and enlarged. He later produced in 1963.

MR R. L. BRADLEY

R. D. F. writes: With the death on December 8 in his eighty-fourth year of R. L. Bradley, CBE, MC. has gone probably the last of the young, gifted and socially

minded men from Oxford whom Alexander Paterson recruited to the Prison Service in the early 1920s, and in many ways Bradley always represented Parerson's ideals. He joined the Service as deputy governor of Portland Borstal in 1922 and retired in 1957 as a Prison Commissioner and director of Borstal administration, having been appointed CBE in 1955.

Bradley as a boy was at Repton, becoming head of his house, with William Temple as his headmaster, and there undoubtedly the foundations of the faith he his head with the first head with the livest the faith by which he lived were laid. From school he went up to Oriel College just before the outbreak of the First World War and, with so many of his generation, went to France. where he served with the 22nd London Regiment, The Queen's, gaining the MC in 1916. After where he served with the 22nd London Regiment, The Queen's, gaining the MC in 1916. After the war he returned to Oriel—
to which he was to go again in the Second World War as an His wife died some years and he can be supremely be supremely bapty in his marriage to Phyllis Richardson.

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there on evacuation. After graduating Bradley took a post with the Oxford and Bermondsey Club but thereafter his life lay in the Prison Service, with posts at Portland, Rochester and Wormwood Scrubs, from which be was appointed an assistant commissioner in 1938, becoming a commissioner in

I knew him first when I was a junior governor in 1941. It was characteristic of Bradley that when he came to Rochester on an official visit and found me with a broken arm, it was he, the assistant commissioner, who insisted on clearing out the domestic boiler and relighting it for my wife. Later we became colleagues and friends. as fellow commissioners, and he was always the same.

Devoid of side and possessed 😨 of an old world courtesy, he was never afraid to criticizein my younger days he had to rebuke me for writing to The Times—but he was always ready

assistant commissioner when the ago and he is survived by one Prison Commission was received son and three daughters.

MR MARRINER ECCLES

died on December 18 at the age of 87.

A Mormon of Scottish ancestry, Eccies went to Washington in 1934, leaving behind large financial concerns which included banking, construction, railroads, sugar, milk, hotels, lumber and insurance.

In 1934 Roosevelt appointed him special assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthan ir, and

Mr Marriner Stoddard Eccles the Federal Reserve Board. Eccles was made a member of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System in 1936 ... and served in that post through the remainder of the depres-sion and the Second World War. He was chairman from 1936 to 1948 when President Truman replaced him as chair-man, but he remained on the

brard until 1951. He was the author of Beckon-ing Frontiers (1951), a survey later that year put him up for funncial history.

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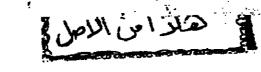
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overseas to be eased under Brussels agreement

Erussels, Dec 28

its meeting tomorrow.

Britain will be required to with the European Commis-The agreement is expected to be approved by the EEC's 13-man executive at

> Although the precise details of what has been negotiated have not been revealed, it is clear that Britain will not be required to scrap all its exist-ing exchange controls, which should end on January 1, on a strict interpretation of Bristrict interpretation of Britain's treaty obligations.
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> On direct investment, Britain is also reported to
> have undertaken to esse control on personal transfers of

> is reported to have agreed to relax the so-called "supercrirelax the so-caused supercuterion under which an investment abroad must show a under the Treaty of Rome
> benefit to the balance of payments within 18 mouths.
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> ment abroad must show a under the Treaty of Rome
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The deal, according to in generally justified only to formed sources, is that the 18 avoid aggravating balance of month period will become 36 payments problems. Britain will be required in foreign exchange that can be foreign exchange that can be purchased for investment abroad at the official rate will be raised from the current months, and the amount of level of £250,000 to £1m.

On the indirect investment side, it is understood that the British have agreed to phase out the 25 per cent "surrender rule". This is the requirement that anyone who has bought investment currency at the special high exchange rate for capital transfer must sell quarter of the funds at the normal rate when the investment is realized.

capital.
One of the difficulties of the

payments problems.
The Commission

Government's argument that the apparent pacture of payments success presented by the latest capital inflow figures is misleading because of the hot money element which could be matched by outflows of long-term capital if exchange conrrols were removed.

M. Francois-Xavier Ortoli,
the EEC commissioner for

financial and economic affairs is understood to have argued that Britain's present and projected balance of payments surplus needed to be set against the funds needed for repayment of Britain's external debts, estimated at \$24,000m (about £12,835m).

accepted that for most of the British controls there is a case for further extension of the

deadline.
Financial Editor, page 17

UK controls on investment Opec rises urged to pay debt of Third World

From Roger Vielvoye Caracas, Dec 20

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was asked today to increase prices by 5 to 8 per cent and to donate the entire proceeds of the rise—between \$7,000m (£3,880m) and \$11,000m—to help pay off the debt of the Third World.

The appeal from Senor Carlos Andres Perez, the Venezuelan President, was made at the official opening of the organization's 50th ministerial meeting, It came as ministers from the 13 oilexporting states appeared to be moving nowards agreement on a freeze on oil prices in 1978.

Normally the opening speech by the host nation of state steers clear of the issues likely to be discussed in the closed sessions that follow. But President Perez chose the occasion to amphasize that Opec must reemphasize its leadership of the Third World with practical measures of help.

He also criticized the nations for "selfishness and incomprehension" of the problems caused by the indebtedness of the Third World. His emotional speech was delivered less than an hour after the outgoing president of the organization, Shaikh

Abdul Azziz Khalifa al Than of Qatar, had said that there were three choices for discussion during the debate over oil prices. These were a freeze on prices, a nominal increase or postponement of a decision for a further six months, which amounts to a freeze while avoiding a word that is offensive to a number of members.

He made no mention of donating a

5 to 8 per cent rise towards the debts of the Third World.

President Perez suggested that the revenues from the 5 to 8 per cent price rise available for one year should be paid into a fund administered by Opec, the group of 77 non-aligned countries and the International Monetary Fund. and the International Monetary Fund. He said the growth of debt in the Third World was "alarming and dramatic". "Each day developing countries that lack oil have less possibility of servicing the debt already contracted and at the same time see their purchasing power decrease. A vicious circle without solution in sight is driving the world towards catestrophe.

towards catastrophe.

"The sinking of the economies of the developing countries makes the possibility of recovery of the industrial economies even more precarious."

He added that developing countries
without oil had increased their debt
from \$40,000m in 1973 to \$180,000m in 1977. Ten years ago the proportion of the debt to the private banking sector

was only 20 per cent.

"Today it is 40 per cent of this \$180,000m, which means that half of this staggering debt comes from very expensive monies supplied by the commercial banks", he said.

The President said that the Third

World "continues to recognize in Opec the pioneering instrument of its cause". But Opec could not be substituted as an aid giver for the rich countries whose responsibilities should be linked to the strength of their economies.

Opec had initiated the North-south

dialogue in an attempt to help the Third World but this had been unsuccessful. It had just seen the failure of the Geneva meeting for the creation of the common fund. World inflation had continued its process of eroding the value of raw materials including oil, despite the freeze on prices during 1977.

Pressure had been pur on Opec "from the highest summits of world economic power" to freeze prices until the world

economy improved.

In the meantime the cost of manufactured and capital goods imported had increased. Between January and September this year Opec had lost \$1,500m from the decline in the value of the dollar.



President Perez of Venezuela opening the Opec conference yesterday

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Accountants are to be can-

controversial set of proposals

to expand and tighten signif-

icantly the profession's code of

The proposals come in the

form of a discussion paper

issued by the Ethics Commit-

tee of the Institute of Char-

tered Accountains in England

and Wales. They are intended

as an amplification of the

guidance on independence laid

down in the institute's ethical

code which has been operative

The proposals most likely to

run into opposition deal with

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anybody in a practice or close relatives, and in trustee hold-ings nobody in the practice must be a trustee for a trust

holding more than 10 per cent

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Pound jumps further against dollar

Serving jumped higher yes-terday, at one point touching \$1.8975 against the saling \$1.8975 against the ailing United States dollar, before closing at \$1.8805, up 70 points

on the day.

At midday the effective exchange rate of the pound was up to 64.6, a rise of nearly 1; per cent from the end of last week. By the end of the day the dollar had recovered somewhat against all curren-

The effective rate index of the pound, measured against a basket of currencies, slipped back a kitcle to 64.5, a rise of

0.4 from Monday.

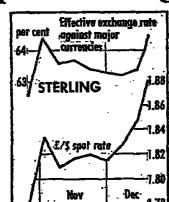
This week's rise in the value of the pound is only in part a reflection of the dollar's weakness. There was a general com-mercial demand for sterling, in its own right, in most centres.

Dealers are citing "good incustrial and economic news" us a possible reason.

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As the dollar has fallen in the last few weeks most of the pressure has gone into the Deutsche mark, Swiss francs and Japanese yen, with the pound little affected. This may

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change, Governments of "hard currencies" countries have been trying to resist the rise in their exchange rates. They fear that the sizable appreciations will damage their export industries and lead to slower growth. New measures to commol the speculative inflow of funds

workers of a wage sentlement of a linde over 10 per cent, and to last week's figures showing an increased current account surplus on the balance of payments, and a further fall in the rate of inflation in Norember 100 per cent, and to last week's figures showing amounted vesterday. The national bank is offering unlimited three-mounts waspe to banks at preferential interest of payments, and a further fall in the rate of inflation in Norember 100 per cent, and to last week's figures showing amounted vesterday. The national bank is offering unlimited three-mounts interest of payments, and a further fall in the rate of inflation in the rate o director of the Swiss National Bank described the situation as

Germans last week introduced new controls on inward exchange movements.

The dollar's effective exchange rate depreciation has now widened to —4.72 per cent since Smithsonian. At the beginning of the month it stood at —2.67 per cent.

The United States Government is preserving its position of "benign neglect" although there is reported to be some there is reported to be some dissension between the Federal Reserve Board and the White House over the correct exchange rate policy with the

Fed arguing for direct action to balt the dollars slide. The Benk of England has not been holding back the pound's rise this week although many in the Treasury and the Bank do not want to see the exchange rate rise too

They were relieved when the rate stabilized after the deci-sion to float on October 31, and will probably be sorry if there is a marked appreciation in the coming mouths. Shares move ahead: Share prices rose for the first time

don stock market yesterday. The FT Index closed 9.8 up at 479.6 with the main thrust coming in the first two hours of trading. Dealers said the "municipal

workers' deal and the strength of the pound were responsible for the interest.

FMC loss blamed on 'dumping

By Richard Allen. FMC, Britain's biggest mea

processor, yesterday blamed "legalized dumping" for a plunge from pretax profits of £1,100,000 to a loss of £427,000 in the six months to October

The group, 73 per cent owned by the National Farmers Union, said that the operation of EEC rules on monetary compensatory amounts (MCAs) coupled with the continued refusal of the United Kingdom Government to bring the "green pound" more into line with its real value had had the effect of producing huge subsidies to Irish beef and Danish bacon producers. "This grossly unfair

lized dumping has made it im-possible for British-based producers, abattoir operators, bacon and ham curers and small goods mannfacturers to compete against those imported products."
FMC added that start-up

costs on certain abattors had also affected the balf-time result and that reorganization moves already in train should to profitability by the year-end.

The group's directors have also taken the opportunity to reply in "suggestions that considerations other than strictly commercial ones influence the conduct of the group's busi-

This followed last night's agreement to introduce a basic

Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said that Britain

welconed the measures. He considered that they would help to improve profitability of the British Steel Corporation, which is expected to sustain

Renewal of fibres pact a 'turning point' for textiles in Britain

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Dec 20

After all-night deliberations, EEC Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Trade agreed here today to approve the renewal for another four years of the Multi Fibres Arrangement (MFA) of the General Agree-ment on Tariffs and Trade-

The ministers made it clear that their approval was subject to the implementation of the "reasonable departures" from the MFA, negotiated bilaterally the European Commission with 31 low-cost textile sup-pliers in Asia, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and

After the meeting, Mr. Dell, the Secretary of State for Trade, said: "We have obtained very tight restrictions on more than 20 sensitive products, representing about 75 per cent of United Kingdom imports, and satisfactory respraints on effectively all other sensitive products." British sources had indicated that implementation of the bilateral negotiations as they

years as the result of compet-tion from imports of cotton as the result of competicloth and conton yarn from India, Pakistan, Brazil and

But Mr Dell claimed that Britain had secured some beloful" adjustments in the way these imports were shared out among EEC member states, including a reduction of 500 tonnes in British imports of cotton cloth. These imports are particularly sensitive because they enjoy a 70 per cent mar-ker share in Britain.

Mr Dell believed the new MFA would "prove a historic turning point in the fortunes of the United Kingdom textile and clothing industries" and offered a number of important advantages over the old one. These included global coverage for the most sensitive products, cotton cloth and cotton yarn, synthetic clothing, Tshirts, sweaters, men's and

women's trousers, and men's and women's shirts.

stood could mean the loss of market penetration, instead of 2,000 jobs over the next five being allowed a flat 6 per cent growth rate every year. Coverage of the new MFA was also much more comprehensive, providing protection overall for about 98 per cent of British textile imports. Other advantages

automatic trigger mechanisms. 1977 quotas into 1978, and stricter monitoring of imports by all EEC members. Britain's textile and clothing industries last year employed some 600,000 people and pro-£1.300m.

A spokesman for the British Textile Confederation waich met Mr Dell and Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, last week, said the industry was not euphoric about the decision. While it supported the strong line which the Govern-

ment had taken, there was con-cern that the Commission had exceeded its mandate in relation to agreements concerning Growth rates for imports imports of cotton yarn and would also vary inversely to fabrics.

CBI against compulsory agreements

Brussels, Dec 20

Community member states

range of rolled products by 15

package of measures designed

to raise prices and restore the
flagging fortunes of the steel
industries in its nine members.

This followed last night's

agreement to introduce a basic

these prices voluntarily

prices, particularly by low-cost
produces in the Brescia

region of Italy, dealers and
merchance will for the first
imme be put under a legal obligation to refuse to buy products offered at less than the
fixed price.

The ministers also agreed
that a sum of 520m, represent-

a tonne for smooth steel and £134.50 a tonne for ribbed steel—will continue in 1978. Mandatory minimum prices will also be fixed for two new categories of products mer-

categories of products, mer-chant bars and bot rolled coils.

In an agrempt to prevent erosion of these minimum

Financial News, page 18 the Confederation of British that if the Government wanted

Mr Dell welcomes measures approved by the

Internally, the European prices, particularly by low-cost

Community to restore profitability in steel

Industrial leaders yesterday Industry, le dby Lord Watkintold Mr Varley, Secretar yof son, president, emphasized that
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would frown upon any attempt
to impose planning agreements agreement, but the decision
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Industry, le dby Lord Watkintold the company was entitled to
choose to enter a planning
or even planning discussions on
industry.

The ministers also agreed that a sum of £20m, representing part of the receipts from customs duties on imports of iron and steel into the Community, will be used to finance the restructuring and rationalization of the industry.

EEC steel manufacturers are operating at no more than

operating at no more than about 60 per cent capacity, and

according to estimates by the Commission are expected to lose something in the region of

to push forward the industrial

strategy and have discussions with individual companies it already had the means at its disposal, for example, through the sponsoring role of many Whitehall departments. There

BSC approval—The British

Steel Corporation said last

night that any measures which

contributed towards some sort of price discipline in the world

steel market had its full sup-port. But to the extent that the

traditional trade balance was being disrupted by too high a

volume of imports, further moves would have to be taken

to restore the traditional balance, the spokesman said.

This latter proposal is likely to run into the flercest opposi-tion from smaller provincial firms which have close links with family companies.

Smaller firms may also be affected by the proposal that fees from one client or group of connected clients must not exceed 15 per cent of the total fees carned by a practice.

Under the heading "Conflicts of Interest" the proposals include warnings on the dangers of advising competing clients or clients in dispute and the stipulation that any ket are significantly below those outside, notably in America and Japan, but imports have been coming in at even lower levels, undercutting Community products by a margin of up to 50 per cent.

had a professional relationship 🗥 with a company within the previous two years may not pro-vide a receiver for that com-Submissions on the proposals

have to be sent to the institute by April but already there is a clear feeling that the moves have been forced by govern-ment pressure on the profession to put its house in order.

They are seen as likely to result in a widening of the rift between the large and small firms and as a further step along the road to a division of types of practices into those allowed to audit public com-Business letters, page 16 panies and the rest.

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US tax cuts may be bigger than expected

From Frank Vogl Washington, Dec 20 President Carter had a hectic day at the White House today. He signed two Bills that will have important consequences for the American economy and sought to complete with his key economic advisers the details economic advisers the details of his tax cut proposals.

The President signed legislation that aims to strengthen the Social Security Trust Fund. The new law will involve increased revenues of about \$227,000m (about £120,745m) in the next decade, and add to the lax payments of most corporations and all working individuals.

The President also signed a Bill that makes it illegal for American companies to bribe foreign officials to obtain business contracts. Mr Carter Stated that this new law "requires publicly held corpora-tions to keep accurate books and records and to establish accounting controls to prevent

off-the-book devices which have been used to disguise corporate bribes in the past."
It now appears that the tax cuts that the President will propose, which are largely tax cutting proposal it is likely aimed at offsetting the inthat the estimated 1979 fiscal creased tax burden produced by year budget deficit will be in the new social security legisla excess of \$55,000m.

been widely expected. Some "leaks" to the United States press by top Administration officials indicate that he may propose total tax cuts of bepreen \$25,000m and \$30,000m.

It seems quite possible that about 20 per cent of the cuts will be in the form of reductions in excise duties, with possibly 50 per cent of the cuts affecting individual income tax rates and with the remainder being specific business tax The overall economic effect

of the tax cuts is unlikely to be substantial in 1978, partly because of the higher social security taxes and the prospec of increased energy taxes and partly because the Congress unlikely to approve the cuts before the summer. The tax cuts, should they indeed be as large as is now being rumoured will make it all

the harder for the President to achieve his declared objective of balancing the federal budget by the end of the 1981 fiscal In the event of a \$25,000m

12p to 127p 10p to 204p 51p to 734p 15p to 535p 12p to 234p 2p to 23p 8p to 90p 16p to 372p 10p to 356p 12p to 280p

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Tighter code for finance houses is ruled out

By Ronald Pullen Finance houses are unlikely to be subject to rigid balance sheet ratios in the forthcoming legislation on closer control of the banking system.
The August 1976 White Paper on "The Licensing and Supervision of Deposit-taking

Institutions" proposed that to cualify for a licence as a deposit-taking institution, deposit-taking institution, finance companies would have to meet starutory ratios, in particular relating borrowings to shareholders funds, laid down by the Bank of England. down by the Bank of England.
After lobbying by the
Finance House Association,
squeement has been reached
that the present informal
system of control, which is in

system of control, which is in any case much closer after the difficulties many finance houses found themselves in during the secondary banking crisis, should continue.

Finance houses also appear confident that the control of the use of the word "bank" for descriptions will

deposit-taking institutions will not be so strictly applied to them as envisaged in the White Parer. Companies which are not part of the primary banking sector are, therefore, likely to be allowed to keep the word bank" in their name Financial Editor, page 17

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Tussaud's rejection of ATV bid

agreement to introduce a basic these prices voluntarily. reference price for steel imports for an initial period of three months from January 1.

At the same time the compulsory minimum prices for concrete reinforcing bars—£130

saud's yesterday rejected the £11.6m bid from Lord Grade's Associated Television Corpora-tion on the ground that it placed "a wholly unrealistic value" on a "unique business". Lord Grade's 55p a share offer came on Monday night as a counter-move to an earlier 45p offer from S. Pearson & Son, which has already been rejected The Times index: 203.73+3.54 But yesterday shares of the waxworks company jumped by 7p to stand 4p above the ATV offer at 59p as investors sensed a lively takeover battle. There The FT index: 479.6+9.8 was strong speculation that yet a third suitor for Tussaud's was about to step into the ring. The Tussaud's board yester-day promised to give share-holders detailed reasons for its rejection of the ATV bid once formal offer documents have

been sent out-probably t New rules for advertisers

New rules for television and radio advertisers are published by the Independent Broadcasting Authority today. Amend-ments have been made to the rules to permit Stock Exchange member firms to broadcast advertisements provided they do Unit trust sales not recommend investments or comment on individual securi- heading for record

treatments based on dietary fillsom. Net sales, however, are control.

Of particular interest to compared with £153m this time margarine manufacturers is a last year.

their pay claim,

British Shipbuilders were yesterday presented with a claim seeking more pay, a 35-

rion of Shipbuilding and Engineering unions is seeking to increase national time rates from £42 to £70 for skilled men and from £33.60 to £55 for the



Slimming clinics are also heading for its best year since Lloyd's Gold Medel: Sir Have-allowed to advertise for the first 1973 with sales in the 11 months lock Hudson, retiring chairman time, provided that they offer to end-November totalling of Lloyd's at the rostrum in the Lloyd's Gold Medel : Sir Haveunderwriting room after receiving the Lloyd's Gold Medal in recognition of "outstanding ser-vices"

MONSANTO COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES Statement of Consolidated Income (Dollars in millions, except per share)

•	Tiree Mont Septemi	hs Ended er 30,	Nice Months En September 3		
	1977	1976	1977	1976	
Net Sales	\$1,075.8	5998.4	\$3,504.0	\$3,235.4	
Cost of Goods Sold	872.3	753.8	2,562.9	2,284.4	
Marketing and Administrative Expenses	93.2	85.0	<u> 292.1</u> .	'261.1	
Technological Expenses	40.2	34.9	129.3	111.1	
	1.005.7	873.7	2,984.3	2,656.6	
Operating Income	70.1	124.7	519.7	578.8	
Income Charges (Credits): Interest expense Other—uet	20.9 (9.7)	21.0 (0.1)	64.5 (15.4)	57.1 (18.5	
	11.2	20.9	49.1	38.6	
Income Before Income Taxes	58.9	103.8	470.6	540.2	
Provision for Income Taxes: Current Deferred	34.1 (0.1) 34.0	27.3 13.1 ————————————————————————————————	179.8 36.5 216.3	196.0 25.5 221.5	
Net Income	\$24.9	S63.4	\$254.3		
Earnings per Common Share : Primary	\$0.66	51.69	\$6.88	\$318.7	

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Rises

How the markets moved

24p to 54p 5p to 70p 13p to 113p Assoc Leisure Bejam Burton Grp Comben Grp De La Rue Glava 10p to 585p 14p to 304p 6p to 120p 14p to 300p 15p to 167p Great Portland Home Charm Metal Box

Falls 6p to 55p 7p to 84n 10p to 183p 8p to 279p

On other pages

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Kank Base Rates Table

MTD (Mangula) 5p to 50p Pretoria P Cmmt 13p to 170p Sentrust 10p to 172p Venterspost 19p to 227p Equities gained ground Gilt-edged securities rose again.

Dollar premium 90.5 per cent effective rate 38.47 per cent).

Sterling gained 70 pts to 51.8805.

The effective exchange rate index was at 54.5.

Stating gained 70 pts to 51.8805.

Reports, pages 18 and 19

Gold lost \$0.75 an ounce to \$139.625.

11 Annual Statements: 16 Woolwich Equimble 19 Yorkshire & Lancash Yorkshire & Lancashire Investment Trust

F.M.C. (Meat) Ltd Muar Head Interim:

In brief

new note of guidance in-corporated with the new code of practice which allows adver-tisers for the first time to indicate that a product is high in polyunsaturated fatty acid.

Previously any reference to the polyunsaturated fat content of products was forbidden in broadcast advertisements. Ship unions submit

hour week and longer holidays for its 85,000 manual workers. The claim is similar to that affecting another 1.2 million workers presented to the Engineering Employers' Federation on Monday. British Shipbuilders has promised to look at the claim and meet the unions again. The Confedera-

The unit trust industry is heading for its best year since

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Reforms urged in local housing grant terms

By Margaret Stone
The Building Societies Association is continuing to press for changes in the way local authority improvement grants

In the latest issue of Building Society Affairs, published today, an article poses the ques-" whether the grant system is working as effectively

as it might."

The BSA's argument that improvements are needed in the system is based partly on the drop in the number of homes per annum on which grants have been allocated. From a peak of 238,000 (to private owners) the number has dropped sharply to 73,000 in 1976.

There are genuine reasons for some decline, but the BSA believes that the present system of financial support is "achieving the right results" The problems are threefold. The first is that the size of permissible grants required is unlikely to be reflected fully in the increased value of the house after the modernization work has been accomplished. These

US nuclear

stake in Italy

Westinghouse Electric Cor-poration of the United States,

holder of a technology for pres-surized water reactors (PWR),

has drastically scaled down its involvement in the Italian nuclear power market.

After long negotiations with its parmers, Breda Termomeccanica (of the state-

owned IRI group) and Fiat Ter-

momeccanica-Nucleare, agree-ment has been reached for it

to reduce from a controlling 51 per cent to 15 per cent its

holding in Sopren, a company responsible for designing

responsible for designing nuclear plant according to its PWR technilogy. Fiat and Breda will share equally the controlling 85 per cent.

In Coren, a company responsible for providing fuel for the existing PWR to Agip Nucleare of the state-owned ENI group,

Agip Nucleare also intends to acquire a further 20.5 per cent from Breda, which will be left with 4 per cent. Fiar's existing 24.5 per cept holding will remain another per cent.

main unchanged.
Under the new arrangements
Westinghouse will continue to
make available to its Italian

narmers its knowhow in pres-

Direct involvement in the

Italian nuclear market has be-

come less attractive to foreign

inability of successive govern-

ments to draw up and enforce

clear nuclear power pro-

surized water reactors.

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is reduced

From John Earle

Rome, Dec 20

selves be ignored, but the BSA says the system requiring repayment of the grant, plus com-pound interest if the house is sold within five years, is a major inhibiting factor. The third difficulty relates to

the actuol allocation of the grant and is what the BSA describes as a "chicken and problem. Basically, a building .. society . will advance money on an older property if it knows it is going to be made good; at the same time a local authority is prepared to offer an impgrovement grant only when it is assured that a building society loan is forthcoming: Extensive discussions between

the BSA, local authority associations and the Department of the Environment, have partially overcome these problems. The five-year rule can be waived provided the owner changed houses through necessity-

Secondly local authorities can issue a "promise" that a grant will be forthcoming if a build-ing society loan is acquired.

The European Commission is

understood to have agreed in

principle to press for the in-

clusion of mining ventures in the second Lome Convention

next summer.

If the Commission is success-

ful in having mining ventures brought within the new con

vention, it would go some way to satisfying the desire of the

European mining companies for some security of investment

Incorporation of mining ventures in a new convention would mean that EEC countries

and their companies would be

prepared to put capital and ex-

pertise into mining projects under some sort of treaty

Arrangements for exports of

ferrous scrap to countries out-side the EEC are to remain un-

changed for a further period,

Interim arrangements first in-

continue pending the conclusion of discusions on the licensing of

is to liberalize export controls on United Kingdom scrap pro-cessing companies. Faced with

a steep cut in deliveries to the British Steel Corporation in the

first three months of next year because of weak demand, the

industry is expected to pursue export opportunities even more

exports to third countries.

Easing of scrap

exports to stay

in less developed countries.

By Desmond Ouigley



to alter the terms of mining agreements once a mine has

been brought into production.

Mining faces a particular
hazard in that the lead time for
bringing a mine to production
is upward of five years. This
long lead time, with the heavy
cavital expenditure involved.

capital expenditure involved, makes mining companies very

vulnerable to any late changes in mining agreements.

The problem of government interference has been com-

pounded by the weakness of most base metal prices over

recent years and soaring capital costs which have made invest-

mem in nuring ventures in under developed countries a

mittee yesterday, at which Mr

Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, who set up the inquiry, said it was widely accepted that radical change was needed in the way professional engineers were attracted in the way professional engineers were attracted.

into the profession, educated

Major issues for the com-

mittee, which hopes to produce its report by early 1979, are whether there should be statu-

tory registration and licensing for professional engineers and

whether there is a need for re-thinking on qualification and

and trained

The Malvern Correlator, an electronics measuring instrument employing laser beams, which is already achieving substantial domestic and export sales, has won the 1977 MacRobert Award for engineering innovation for the team of five which developed it. The five members (ranged from left) are: Mr Stephen Trudgill, managing director of Malvero Instruments, and Dr Roy Pike, Mr Robin Jones, Dr Christopher Oliver and Dr Eric Jakeman, all four of them from the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment. The instrument is the result of a combined

agreement with the bost come increasingly concerned at country, which would grant fair the propensity of governments

Engineering inquiry team

begins study on reforms

Brussels will press for safeguards to

investors in Third World mine projects

and equitable treatment to min-

Thus, if the host country were to expropriate a mine or

unilaterally and radically alter the terms of agreement—such

as increasing the taxation level or taking a larger, unpaid for

stake in the venture—negotia-tions would immediately take

place between the European

country concerned and the host

Any such agreement would

be a backdrop for a more signi-ficant policy which the Euro-pean mining companies are trying to win from the Com-

mission in terms of political

Professional engineers' or-

ganizations were warned yester-

day that the government in-quiry into the organization of the profession "cannot just

come up with a consensus

strong in addition to its chair-man, Sir Monty Figniston, for-

mer chairman of British Steel.

will draw up recommendations

on a wide range of issues. Everybody may not like them, Sir Mouty said.

He gave these warnings after

risk compensation.

By Derek Harris

effort by the research team from RSRE and Malvern. Instruments, an ments to finance the development and manu-facture of prototypes. Six international aircraft

The award, made annually by the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI), was presented yesterday by the Duke of Edinburgh, a former president of the CEI.

The project was backed by the Research Development Corporation which helped the then embryo Malvern Instrumanufacturers, a wide range of major industrial companies and a number of research centres have already bought the correlator.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The following are the monthly figures for Great Britain

Figures not available.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

The following are the monthly

regional unemployment figures, seasonally adjusted, excluding

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Why it is necessary to take a fresh look at state steel policies sought investment in massive

naces.

Sir, From the BSC's annual accounts it appears that the corporation's prodigal capital expenditure policy is costing almost £300m per annum to finance, and even this figure is after various subsidies. Nevertheless, this policy is to continue. The expenditure of £836m at Port Talbot will provide an additional capacity of

three million tonnes per year which at the corporation's high prices has a sales value of less than £600m per year. What merchant bank would finance such a project? Can Sir Charles Villiers from his banking experience instance a single example of a profitable

project where the value of the annual turnover is less than 75 cent of the capital required.
The notion that such expenditure results in reductions in nanning may be contrasted with the manpower required to complete the project. Such an expenditure will need about cution: if the plant lasts 20 years this averages 10,000 men per annum. The Welsh division of the British Steel Corpora

tion, of which Port Talbot is a part, employs 56,000 men. Nearly all the financing costs that the corporation has to carry arise from its major development schemes and these show no signs of producing an adequate return; nor indeed are they likely to do so. Any very large project is inevitably founded in well proven techniques and these may or may not be the best available. The Auchor project is the last mill of its type that will ever be built and indeed is the only one to be built anywhere in the world during the last decade. The gigantic blast furnace to be built at Port Talbot may

well come into this category. The United States, which produces more steel than any other country in the world, has not found it appropriate to build any of these gigantic fur-naces, while Japan, which has, reports in the technical press that production costs higher than those of large fur-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

tonnes per annum capacity will be surplus to requirements. No doubt the corporation will then insist on loading its new capacity by transferring orders from other works, in particular Shot-ton. Thus, will the viable Shotton operation be rendered noeconomic just as the viable Cardiff operation has been rendered uneconomic by the transfer of its order book to the Anchor Mill?

The corporation sets more tonnes per man as its objective. The fallacy of this theory is well illustrated from its own operations. The table illustrates the low profitability of low grade operation and the higher profitability of high grade operations. These figures show that the adding of value to a product is a far more rewarding enterprise than seeking to produce large tonnames of simple products.

production, the private sector has sor ht to invest in schemes to produce improvement in the quality and range of its products. One may com-pare the GKN (South Wales) Ltd scheme at Cardiff with the Anchor scheme. Both produce billets the former produces bil-lets which are virtually free It may well be that the from internal defects and of whole of this three millim good surface quality and can produce a wide range of analyses. The latter produces large tonnages of mild steel billers subject to all the defects associated with the ingot process. (Incidentally the capital cost per annual tonne on the Cardiff scheme was less than half that of the BSC scheme, so what has happened to the "economies of scale"?)

The private sector's ment policies have been an im-portant factor in enabling it to maintain its workforce almost intact despite the difficult times through which steel has been passing. I am one who believes that the skills and abi-lities of those who work in an industry are its greatest asset. Yours faithfully. H, B. LLOYD.

Little Slaughterford, Purns Green, Sussex.

	General steels division	Strip mills division	Special steels division	Tubes division
Liquid steel production. million tonnes per annum	9.78	6.80	3.51	0.75
Employees	73,800	64,700	37,200	35.200
Profit after depreciation and interest £m	11.2	12.3	36.9	10.5
Production, tonnes per				
man per annum	132	105	94	21.5
Profit per tonne £	1.15	1.81	10.5	14.0
Figures from BSC Annual	Report	1974/5. Cu	rrent figur	es are not

available as the Corporation is now organized on a regional basis. Extending the range of craftsmen in wood

From Mr J. Makepiece Sir, It is good to see a Worship-

ful Company publicly declaring its concern for training in the crafts. I refer to the letter from the Worshipful Company of Turners published on November

At one time the crafts were practised by exculsive groups of craftsmen each jealously proecting his own area of mystery (mastery). Today we expect craftsmen to have a broader range of knowledge and skills, as part of the survival kit. The principles of turnery apply to many other areas of wood craftsmanship.

In order to help the selfemployed craftsman earn a living he needs to be compe-

manager as well.

Many of the intelligent indi-

viduals now choosing a career in the crafts are capable of

in the crafts are capable of developing a number of traditionally separate skills, and so integrate them into their work.

Certainly the craft of the turner should be taught but not necessarily in isolation from related skills. If the Worshipful Company wishes to propose and Company wishes to promote and least one organization ontside the state system which shares its concern and has taken the initiative in the setting up of facilities to train professional

wood craftsmen.

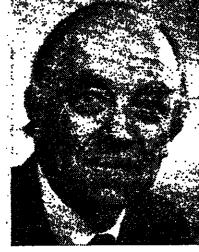
Unfortunately it is less costly teach its craft to its own to criticize the Greater London apprentices.

tent not only as a turner, but Council for cutting out a course as a designer and business which provided too narrow a training, then to apply the Company's strength to supporting the independent training facili-ties that symbolize free enter-

Yours sincerely JOHN MAKEPEACE. Director of the School for The Parnham Trust Limited, Beaminster.

December 18. future operations for the industry is concerned it would appea that the industry is indeed in a sick state if it is not able to

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Sir Oliver Chesterton speaks of

"striking a fair balance between investors and borrowers."

 Addressing shareholders at the 130th Annual General Meeting of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, the Chairman, Sir Oliver Chesterton, rejected recent criticisms that building societies do not adjust their interest rates frequently enough, or quickly enough. "This allegation ignores the very nature of our business" he said. "We have to strike a fair balance between the sometimes conflicting interests of our investors and borrowers. Our main objective is to maintain a supply of funds for house purchase."

ROur investors entrusted to us the considerable sum of £659m and their balances increased by a record £263m.77

Net receipts from investors and capital repayments on existing mortgages enabled the Society to lend on mortgage the highest ever sum .of £351m. At the year end, 30th September 1977, the Society's total assets at £1,772m were 19% greater than at the beginning of the year.

TThe General Reserve at the year end stood at over £58m.77

Given the way in which economic conditions can change so rapidly, Sir Oliver went on to say "this Reserve is a very reassuring item and materially contributes to the public's confidence in the Woolwich Society."

This was an exceptional year of starkly contrasting conditions.77

The Society's ability to cope with the sudden changes in money market conditions derives from its level of liquid assets, which at the year end totalled £327m or over 18% of total assets.

TTWe have had an excellent year and look forward to similar results in the current year. 77

The past year has shown how quickly the market can turn in building societies' favour, and how quickly it can turn against it. Commenting on the future of building societies, Sir Oliver referred to the Government's Housing Policy Review and its recognition that home ownership would not be so widely spread in this country without the financial mechanisms which building societies have provided. "The philosophy within the Review," he said, "is not at variance with our own and the Woolwich will continue to do its best to help as many people as possible to become owner-occupiers."

Copies of the Annual Accounts of the Society and the full text of Sir Oliver Chesterton's address, are available from the Secretary at the Society's Head Office.



try yesterday it was stated that the rate of interest relief grant available in those cases where the equivalent of an interest-free period on a Department of Industry loan, but where firms obtained their finance other sources, was being in-creased from 10 per cent to 101 per cent for each interest-free The concessionary rate of in-

Industry Act

loan rates up

The maximum rate of in-

At the Department of Indus-

relief grant and interest rates for loans under section 7 of the Industry Act 1972 has

terest on loans for employment-creating projects is raised from 7 per cent to 7; per.cent.

Still battling for sensible rational ideas in engineering From Mr H. Masheder Leave aside that unworthy ingly as unqualified no wonder insult, by what sad stretch of then that British engineering Dr Llewelyn Smith reveals of it be charged that Sir Henry abysmally. As the correspondthe famous engine designer that Royce lacked qualifications? Is Shakespeare unqualified as a Sir Henry Royce always writer and dramatist because he has no BA in English literature referred to himself

mechanic . He went on to observe " He²(Sir Henry Royce) claimed that this was a more title попошrable 'engineer' but of course in view of his lack of qualifica-tions, it might have been a

matter of sour grapes.

Surely, those who can, do. So it is with engineering.

If a man so demonstrably qualified as Sir Henry Royce can be dismissed so patronis-

sculptor because he has no

degree in art from Florence?

ence on engineering education in these columns has recently shown, the battle waged by the late Hugh Clausen and others for a return to sensible and rational ideas has a long way yet to go. Yours faithfully, H. MASHEDER, Chairman,

High Duty Valves Ltd, 75 Belsize Lane,

Business appointments

Unilever coordinator Mr Durham made a vice-chairman

Mr K. Durham, Unilever Limited coordinator for meat pro-ducts and animal feeds, is to be a member of the special com-mittee and a vice-chairman, in succession to Mr S. G. Sweetman, succession to Mr S. G. Sweetman, who is retiring next year as vice-thairman. Mr M. Ormerod is also retiring. Mr R. W. Archer, Mr P. V. M. Egan and Mr J. Louden are to be nominated as directors of both Unilever Limited and NV at the annual meetings.

Mr S. Procter has been appointed chief executive of Williams & Glyn's Bank from Rebrager in succession to Mr.

Williams & Glyn's Bank from February i in succession to Mr R. E. B. Lloyd, Mr Procter is now deputy chief executive. Mr Lloyd,

deputy chief executive. Mr Lloyd, who remains on the board of the bank as a non-executive director. Is to become an executive deputy chairman of Hill Samuel.

Mr Patrick Macdougall will be joining Jardine Matheson as an executive director in the middle of 1978, with responsibility for group financial services. He was previously chief executive of Amex Bank in London and will be succeeded there by Mr S. J. Davies.

Mr J. M. Pickard is to become chairman of Grattan Warehouses in succession to Mr R. H. Owthwakte, who is retiring from that post and as a director. Mr that post and as a director. Mr Eric Binns and Mr Barry Reed are to become non-executive

Geoffrey financial director of Foseco Minsep, is resigning from May 31 and will be succeeded by Mr Peter Welch, group finance direc-tor of Unicorn Industries.

Mr Michael Hoffman will come chairman and manas director of Perkins Engines Group on Jamery 1. He takes over from Mr Peter Wright who is retiring. Mr Hoffman will re-tain responsibility for the United Kingdom area operations of Per-klus and will also become cor-porate vice-president of the parent Massey-Ferguson company in

directors of International Combus Mr G. J. Allen has been appointed an executive director of

Mr A. A. Hogg becomes deputy ing director of Firth Brown rom January 1. Mr N. M. Clark has been appointed managing director of Associated Lead, succeeding Dr R. Bell, who is resigning to take up a post

Mr Paddy Ross has been made marketing director of Hill Samuel Life Assurance.

Mr John McQuiggan joins the United Kingdom South Africa
Trade Association as directordesignate on January 3 and will
take up his appointment as director in April. He succeeds Air
Commodore F. J. Rump, who is
rethring. rething.

Following the recent appoint-

ment of Mr R. D. N. Somerville, deputy chairman and joint managing director of Engineering Com-ponents, as chief executive of the ponents, as chief executive of the construction materials division of Turner & Newall from April 1, Mr R. P. Druett, a managing director of British Industrial Plastics and chairman of its PVC division, has been appointed deputy chairman of Engineering Components from the same date. Mr P. N. Stockton, a director of Engineering Components, becomes a joint managing director of that a joint managing director of that company. Mr D. G. Carruthers, deputy managing director of Bri-tish Industrial Plastics and chair-man of its sheet and film division

and moulding division, will become

As a result of the acquisition of Storey Brothers, the sheet and film division of British Industrial Plastics will be merged with Storeys from January 1. Mr T. B. Pye, Storey managing director, will become deputy chairman and chief executive. Mr D. W. Bound, director in charge of retail products division, and Mr R. Smail, general manager, corporate plauming, Turner & Newall, will become joint managing directors. Mr F. H. Butler, a non-executive director of director of Storey, will become executive; he ceases to be a direc-tor of British Industrial Plastics. Mr. I. W. Shergold, commercial

director and general manager of director and general manager of a newly-formed fabrication division of Ballour Beatty Power Construcof Balfour Beatty Power Construc-tion. Mr J. V. Williams becomes a director and manager of Painter Brothers. Mr Alan Campbell is to succeed

manager of the sheet and film division of BIP, will become a

metrics.
Mr Richard Schoffeld bas been

appointed chairman of Time Assur-ance in succession to the late Mi

MUIRHEAD LIMITED ACHIEVES PEAK TURNOVER AND PROFITS

Summary of Results 1977 16,502 17,588 Dividends 219

Sallent points from the statement by the Chairman. Sir Raymond Brown, GBE to be presented at the Annual General Meeting on 22 December 1977.

Turnover of £17.6 million. 6.6% up on previous year and pretax profit of £1.6 million up 10.5%.

The year presented difficulties, as predicted at the half year, but order books are at an all-time record and prospects are good.

Major programme of re-equipment in progress and new product development continues to cost 10% of turnover.

After property revaluation, net asset backing reaches £1.90 per share. Maximum permitted dividend recommended.



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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Exchange controls in the melting pot

Today or tomorrow there should be news as to how far the Government is prepared to go along with our EEC obligations and liberalize exchange controls. Given the plight of our balance of payments over the past few years, we have so far done precious little, to liberalize outward capital movements into Europe. Even the concessions made on direct investment in 1972 had to be withdrawn again in 1974.

The assumption at this stage is that the main areas of discussion have been the "super-criterion" controls over direct investment and the 25 per cent surrender rule on portfolio investment. When the "super-criterion" was relaxed in 1972 the outflows were appreciably greater than expected in the first flush of "Europeanism" and on hopes that the British property boom could be repeated on the continent. Neither of these factors are thought likely to be quite so visibly present if there were a relaxation in 1978.

As for portfolio investment, the very most one might expect would be removal of the 25 per cent surrender rule for investment in EEC securities—at least on the face of it. But to date the exchange control authorities have been highly reluctant to go along with such a two-tier system on policing grounds—eg how de you effectively control investment into international feeder funds operating, say, out of Luxembourg? If that is really a non-started, the decision has presumably to be all, nothing, or a promise of all at a none too distant future date.

Distillers

Getting near to real worth

Since Glenlivet agreed bid terms with Seagram last week, the shares of the other small distillers have been leaping ahead. After another strong day yesterday they are mostly 10 per cent or more up on last week's levels as speculative hopes, never far from the surface in this sector, have risen. But in view of the generous terms on which Seagram is buying Glenlivet-510p a share compared to an initial offer of 440p—it is a moot point whether it is any longer realistic to anticipate more bids for whisky producers unless, like Teacher last year, internal finances come under

On an historic basis, Glenlivet is being taken out at 25 times earnings, and the price is more than three times the published asset value of 160p a share. Admittedly Glenlivet's name is second to none in the whisky indus-try. It is particularly strong in single malts, a sector of the whisky industry that is growing at around 25 per cent a year compared to more like 4 or 5 per cent for blends, so taking a long-term view its prospective earnings might justify a generous price now. But even allowing for these special factors the message of the bid is that an unwanted predator will have to pay up to get control of any of the eight remaining quoted dis-tillery companies. The question, in the light or the Glenliver companies should be valued.

Much depends on the company and its particular range. Just as Glenlivet arguably deserves a premium for its top-of-the-market reputation, Arthur Bell, a perennial bid candidate, might deserve a similar premium for the strength of its name in the blend market. In both cases this might imply a significant goodwill element, although some observers doubt that there is much goodwill in the Seagram bid for Glenlivet. Others, however, think goodwill could add up to as much as

But the starting point for a realistic bid valuation is clearly the replacement cost of assets and this bears little relationship to published balance sheet values. The real worth of maturing whisky stocks is in most cases likely to be around 1; to 2 times book value—nearer two times in the case of those companies which are more dependent on older malts than younger blends. Estimates of the replacement value of distillery capacity vary. It is worth noting that the quality of output of a new distillery will be unknown for at least five years, but a rough rule of thumb is perhans £3 a gallon of whisky. For perspective, Bell produced 2.2 million proof gallons of whisky in the first six months of this year.

The sums are difficult to do accurately, but adopting this basis Highland Distilleries could be worth a half or two thirds above its present share price, while Macallan-Glenlivet, Invergordon and Tomatin could all be worth close to twice their present market values. Bell's share price may not be far out of line with its real asset value, but a bidder would clearly have to pay more

than the present capitalization of £73m. The question remaining for those who see the whisky industry as ripe for further bids is who is going to pay such lofty prices.

Lonrho

A changing picture

Loorho's preliminary figures are bound to cause some confusion. Pre-tax profits apparently collapsed in the final quarter leaving full year profits at £82m, and lower than in 1975-76. But the point is the tax charge, which is sharply reduced, leaving earnings marginally ahead at 26.2p a share before

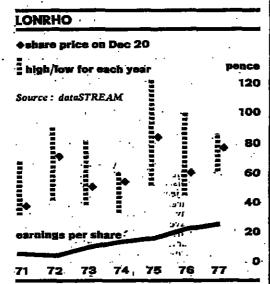
Above the tax line Lonrho reckons that the sterling appreciation has cost it £10m to £15m compared with the previous year, while sugar has suffered from the severe price downturn as have the platinum and

copper interests.

The tax charge has dropped by £7m, Lonrho taking advantage of stock relief pro-visions and changes in the treatment of deferred taxation treatment.

Increased interest charges, meanwhile reflect the group's heavy United Kingdom acquisition policy, which has cost Lourho some £69m in the past year excluding the near 20 per cent stake in the House of Fraser at £41.2m which became effective after the end of the financial year.

Lonrho's aim is to have one third of its assets in the United Kingdom even though some of its acquisitions are proving hard going. Dunford & Elliott has so far failed to live up to its forecast at the time of the bid battle of about £5m pre-tax. The shortfall is apparently some £3.5m, the steel com-pany having only just about broken even in the second half.



Lonrho's final dividend has yet to be declared but on the basis of the rights issue forecast the shares are yielding 12.7 per per cent at 77p, up 1p yesterday. That speaks for itself at least until the accounts come, and they hopefully will be more illuminating, given the radical changes which the group has pushed through during the past 12 months.

• On the basis of interest rate and instal-ment credit volume trends, the Lloyds and Scottish one fifth rise in pre-tax profits to £17.4m before extraordinaries looks, like Lombard North Central results a formight ago, a little on the low side. But Lombard is still working the bad debts incurred in 1973-74 out of its system while L and S never got mixed up there so the recovery potential is much less.

All the same there has been a quickening of pace in the second half but most of the increase has come from leasing—accounting for the bulk of the one third rise in asso-ciates to £4.4m—and the industrial and commercial interests whose contribution to

profits is up to 45 per cent.

Despite a 46 per cent jump in turnover, with L and S apparently gaining market share, the key to a fairly uninspiring performance from instalment credit lies in the longer maturity of its deposits and the fact that around two fifths of industrial lending is on a variable rate, which means that lower interest rates take time to work through.

The real issue now, however, is what sort of future a finance house can look forward to outside a clearing bank. The Bank of England is committed to part of the sector staying independent. But L and S is already having to turn away leasing business because it lacks the tax capacity to take on more business while borrowings, up to £332m or 5.6 times shareholders' funds, are rising

Patricia Tisdall examines retailers' worries about the level of trade

A cold Christmas for the shopkeepers?

The next few days, which will wind up the Christmas stop-ping season, will determine whether resulters have been able to recover from the dis-mal start to the crucial final quarter of 1977.

The implications for retail trade are serious, if there is no last-minute spurt. Most non-food traders rely heavily on profits made during these closing months of the year. Department stores, for

Department stores, for example, reckon to make as much as half the year's total profit during the last quarter. For more specialist retailers, such as confectioners, off-licences and toy stoops, the proportion is even higher.

There has been an abnormally late start to the "season" in the non-food sector this year, with only four weeks build-up, instead of the usual six or even eight.

With such a tight timescale, every day's trade counts. There are hopes that the full trading week before the holiday, and particularly the final Saturday, will tip the scales sufficiently to balance a disappointing start the market.

to balance a disappointing start to the quarter.

However, for some retailers, particularly in the fashion trade, the peak may have already passed. An indicator of this is the discount sales being mounted before Christmas by some of the bourique and construct houses. constante houses.

This was unheard of a few years ago, because retailers rely on the Christmas buying rush for high profit margins as well as sales volume and traditionally reserve their price-cutting for January. Stores in many non-residential

areas expect to do little business after lunch time on Friday. In Oxford Street, London, both the John Lewis Partmership and Selfridges department stores (apart from the food hall) will be closed all day on Saturday.

Lower pre-Christmas buying, somether with the extra term. together with the extra new year holiday, has pushed many other retailers into starting the is a matter of delicate financial

cost gift items and decorations.

Toys were mentioned by a number of retailers, including the Argos chain, John Lewis Partnership and Woolworths, as being in more demand than usual this year, but, since the rest of the year has been so poor, the gains here will do little more than clear existing retail toy stocks. They are unlikely to be translated into sig-nificantly higher orders from

manufacturers for next year.

Drink sales seem to be doing well. Off-licences report that sherry and port sales in par-ticular have reflected the pen-sioners' £10 bonus, but wines and especially spirits were also

Oxford Street, London, yesterday: shop windows retain their fascinations for gift-hunters and passersby alike. But this year the "season" has started late for many retailers. year but it will also have been bate given in the October less fruitful. The biggest uplift in sales, again a reversal of earlier years, has been in lowpackets by the last Friday in filtering through to wage packets by the last Friday in November and retailers say that

they noticed an immediate di-

rence in the following day's

takings. The extra £20 to £35 was quickly exhausted for most people, however, and there are signs that it was augmented withdrawals from savings. by withdrawals from savenge.
The latest available figures for these show that flows into Natlevel in the four weeks to Nov ember 26. The net amount of new money invested, at £121.4m, was almost five times the level recorded for the same period

Rather than reduce their retailers' figures look very and especially spirits were also savings, more consumers who second half of next year.

dismel.

The indications are that not only will the Christmas buying sonal sales appear to have facilities. The Debenhams sudden spending boom took season-have been shorter this arisen from the income tax redepartment store group, as well place in the spring.

last year.

of credit sales. Credit cards— particularly Barclaycard, which reduced its interest rates last month—also report greater

levels of use. The fourth quarter undoubtedly got off to a poor start for retailers. Figures showing the volume of retail sales for October, issued by the Department of Trade, give an index for durable goods retailers (furniture, television and radio and legislatical and good problems of the pro niture, television and radio and electrical and gas appliances), which is five points lower, at 124, than for the same month last year. Clothing and footwear and "other non-food shops", which include department stores and mail-order business, are also down.

While the October 1976.

While the October, 1976, figures are distorted, making figures are distorted, making the comparison unfair, a general stagnation in retail trade across the board is, however, reflected in manufacturers' delivery figures. Statistics produced by the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances show, for example, little change, in terms of numbers for most products delivered during the 12 months ending in September.

The exceptions were electric storage radiators, down by 20, per cent on the previous 12 nonths, and tumble dryers. up

by 66 per cent.

Washing machines, the biggest item on the domestic appliance shopping list and used as a barometer for the rest, show an increase by volume of only liber cent.

per cent.
If the goods which will un-If the goods which will undoubtedly be sold, at whatever price, during the post-Christmas clearance sale are not replaced by retailers, the repercussions will reach far back into the manufacturing pipeline. The effect could be to delay the long-swaited revival in consumer spending which some forecasters are now which some forecasters are now pushing back towards the second half of next year.

W Germany reaffirms its faith in monetary targets

The West German Federal Bank will be able to look back at the end of this year on a three-year experiment in using monetary growth target achieve the twin goals of to achieve the twn goals of adequate economic expansion and the continuing st

As the accompanying tables make clear, the experiment has hardly been a resounding

The growth targets for "central bank money" set for the years 1975, 1976 and 1977 have all been overshot. Moreover, the actual development of Germany's gross national product in these years has diverged appreciably from the assumptions made at the time of setting the targets in December, 1974, 1975, and 1976.

Notwithstanding this, the Federal Bank's council decided rederal same's council decided again last week to set a quantinative target for the coming year. For the third year running it decided that central bank money should rise on average by 8 per cent, compared with the previous year's level.

For the second time it has backed up this target by giving what it regards as an accept-able range for a year-to-year increase in central bank money. The 8 per cent average target implies a rise in coural bank money of between 5 and 7 per cent between the final quarter of 1977 and the last quarter of 1978.

Ever since the experiment began the nature of the target chosen has been the subject of controversy and dispute. Instead of selecting one of the standard definitions of money supply the Federal Bank defines its target in terms of central bank money.

in terms of central bank money, a concept that is complicated and peculiarly German.

The definition used is: cash in circulation plus the minimum reserves deposited in non-interest bearing accounts at the central bank by the commercial banks in respect of their domestic liabilities. For the purpose of defining central bank money, of defining central bank money. the minimum reserve rates have been frozen at the level that pre-vailed at the beginning of 1974,

so that the aggregate reflects the rise and fall of money deposited in the banks.

justify starting the sales immediately after the holiday. But for

at least one department store, Wm Whiteley, of Queensway in

London, the Jamuary sale starts

The earlier start to the clear-ance sales has in turn con-tributed to a depression in pre-Christmas buying of more ex-pensive domestic appliances. This is a reversal of a tendency over the past three or four years

when large numbers of non-seasonal merchandise, such as freezers, cookers, and particu-larly television sets (and even furniture) were sold

Compared with last year when the trading figures were dis-torted by an early autumn buy-

ing boom because of a threat of higher value-added tax, the

The attraction of the central bank money definition for the Federal Bank is that it Federal Bank is that it weights "the money quality of the varying categories of bank deposits. The minimum reserve ratios are higher on sight deposits, that can be immediately turned into cash, than they are on time and savings deposits.

On the other hand the Federal Bank definition gives an extremely strong weighting to cash in circulation, compared with traditional monetary aggre-It was at the end of 1974 that

the Rederal Rank first wentured to use this complex, academic formula to impress upon the general public its monetary intentions for the following year. The decision to "go public"

with a monetary growth target followed a period of about 18 months in which the Federal Bank had had a high degree of success in steering the economy by means of monetary policy. The floating of the mark against the dollar and most

ther currencies in March, 1973, freed the German central bank from its major obligation to intervene in other currencies on the foreign exchange market and encouraged it to believe that it could pursue a monetary policy sealed off from external influences.

The initial policy stance was restrictive in order to curb inflation and what the bank saw

GROWTH OF Assumed	REAL GNP (Actual	%)
1975 +2 1976 +4 to 5 1977 +5 1978 at least +	-2.5 +5.7 ,+2.5 (estiπ	națe) .

RATE OF INF	LATION (%) Actual
1975 6	6
1976 5 to 4	4.5
1977 4	3.9 (estimate)
1978 3 5 to +3	_

GROWTH OF CENTRAL BANK MONEY

	Target Year-to-year	Average	Out-turn Year-to-year	Average
1975	+8	_	+10	+7. 9
1976	Under +8	+8	+8.4	+9.2
1977	+8 to 7	+8	+9.5 (estimate)	+9 (estimate)
1978	+5 to 7	+8		_

as an inflation mentality in West Germany. Thus as the trade unions at the beginning of 1974 pushed through wage increases of 11 per cent and more the bank clamped down on monetary growth, forcing growth of unemployment by bringing on a wave of bank-ruptcies.

By the middle of 1974, as Germany's domestic economy was moving into recession, the Federal Bank started to ease its MODebary stance.

" In the course of the restric-tive period it had ceased to treat the level of interest rates as the primary goal of monetary policy. Instead, the objective was to keep monetary expansion within fairly strict limits.

Although a quantitative goal was not stated for 1974, it was in the course of this period that central bank money caught the Federal Bank's fancy as an indicator and potential monetary The idea behind publicly

stating a monetary growth target at the end of 1974 was a simple one. The bank thought it best that all participants in the economy should have an idea of the monetary room for manoeuvre and that the unions and employers in particular should not fall into the grap of agreeing exaggerated wage in-creases as in 1974.

Surprisingly given the rather obscure nature of the exercise, the move was greeted with enthusiasm. It also appeared to bring a quick re-ward, in that the wage levels agreed for 1975 were signifi-cantly below those of the pre-

averaged 8 per cent and were not so far out of line with the forecast inflation rate of 6 per

This early apparent success probably helps to explain a certain element of disillusionment that has since crept into assessments of the "new mone-tary policy" as it has failed to live up to expectations. The coincidence of an 8 per cent money growth target and 8 per cent wage settlements

beloed to create one big mis-orderstanding—in that in some quarters the impression arose that wages in a given year could rise by the same amount as the money growth target. Perhaps more serious, the early apparent success with the

concept of central bank money concealed some of the aggregate's rather wayward attri-butes. In picking its targer, the Federal Bank assumed that the velocity of the circulation of money would not differ very much from the experience of previous years and that any distortions would work themselves out rapidly. The velocity of money circu-

lations is a cyclical phenomenon. In 1975, when Germany was in recession, the velocity of money slowed. Hence the central bank money could still overshoot the target that had been set in expectation of a 2 pear target that had been set in expectation target that 2 per cent growth in real gross national product.

Again in the second half of 1976, when there was a rapid increase in central bank money resulting from currency inflows and increased bank lending to finance investment and stock building, there was also a slowdown in the velocity of circu-

The experiences with the velocity of money circulation recently led Dr Otmar Emminger, president of the Federal Bank, to suggest that in

recent vears there has probably been a permanent change in the West Germans' attitude to. money, with an increased prefer-ence for diquidity upsetting the old assumptions on the speed with which money circulates in

The Federal Bank has always The Federal Bank has always been able to explain why the central bank money target has been overshot in any given year and, if the aggregate were measured for purely internal purposes, the overshooting would probably not matter, so greatly. But the publicizing of the monetary growth target has come to play a role in German economic policy making, and here the overshooting takes on a rather different

aspect. A businessman or trade union leader, when faced with a mone-tary target, is hardly going to worry about the complexities of the central bank money con-cept or the vagaries of the velocity of the circulation of money.

If the monetary growth target if the monetary growth farget is to be taken seriously, it must be seen to have relevance to economic circumstances and be adhered to by its author. Taking the past three years, the Pederal Bank, which sees the announcement of the monetary growth target as a valuable disciplinary control on grounding ciplicary control on economic attitudes, would seem to be running the risk of undermining the credibility of the instru-

It is probably no coincidence that in recent remarks Federal Bank officials have been laying greater stress on the pragma-tism behind the bank's approach to monetary policy and going out of their way to underline that the central bank money target is an interim goal or a directional aid and that the prime goal of monetary policy

prime goal of monetary policy is to curb price rises and support economic recovery.

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again" might be an admirable motto for an individual coping with the problems of daily life. But the Federal Bank is having to learn that an official body that sets while targets that cannot be public targets that cannot be met—no matter how justified the reasons—runs the risk of losing credibility and so jeopardizing its entire policy.

Peter Norman

Business Diary: BL's Horrocks • Morgan and BR

It is still less than two months since Michael Edwardes left Chloride to become British Ley-land's new full-time chairman and already he has head-hunted a top executive for his team. He is Ray Horrocks, 47, former head of Eaton's materials handling operations in Europe and Before he joined the Ameri-

can-owned axles to forklift truck group Horrocks was with Ford UK for 10 years. At one time he ran Ford's advanced vehicles plant, which produced the Mexico competition model.

Soon after he moved to Eaton worldwide materials handling market ran into its biggest ever recession. Colleagues at Eaton's Hounslow headquarters joked that he arrived in time to wind it up.

But such was the energy he displayed in reorganizing the sorry mess that within two years he was attracting the attention of his chiefs in faraway Cleveland and those same colleagues were forecasting a dazzling career. His reputation reached outside Eaton and he received frequent approaches to do the same sort of "turn-around" job for other com-

But a mystery surrounds his new post at British Leyland. inquiries at the group's London headquarters elicit only that he

for a senior appointment to be spelt out at a later stage". the £4
This evasiveness leads to fund.
speculation within the company He that Horrocks could be the first of two executive vice-chairmen. Edwardes is known to be recruiting from outside to form a second tier triumvirate with David Andrews, recently pro-moted to succeed the departing Alex Park as an executive vice-

Whatever the truth of that, Horrocks's importance in Edwardes's plans has already been underlined by his appointment to the seven-strong team of senior executives, now investigating Leyland Cars with to recommending changes in its organization.

chairman.

There has to be a desk somewhere where the buck stops," says John Morgan, who, as announced yesterday, will be the first incumbent of the newly created post of "general manager, pension fund" for British Rael and takes up his new apointment early next year.

Morgan, former Williams & Glyn's director of finance and investment before moving into investment management at Rothschilds 18 months ago, is no stranger to pension fund management. He is very acutely headquarters elicit only that he aware of the problems facing a directly answerable to pensions funds, particularly edwardes an: "clearly destined those of state pension funds."

and, even more specifically, of the £478m British Rail pension

He is a fan of trade union participation in both fund administration and management. Shop-floor participation, in his view, is not only "a great help" to the managers but is of importance to the members, too. Hill Samuel and S. G. Warburg, merchant bankers to parts of Britrailpen (that is what they

call it in the City), will welcome Morgan's appointment. All too often they have been criticized controversial investment decisions—paintings and in-vestment trust bids—with which they were not concerned. From now on Morgan will be in the firing line. As a modest art collector him-

self, he is open-minded about British Rail's foray into the world of art. The pension fund now owns about £11m worth of paintings. The role of none-income bearalways been open to question. As Morgan says, "the case has to be made."

Whatever his ultimate verdict about the suitability of this form of investment, he is at least reasonably confident that his own small collection of modern British painters—an Ivon Hitchens, Roger Hilton and Hitchens, Roger Hilton and Poter Language among others— their view is that it should again be in Brighton. This time, however, it will probably have the and a half day affair and Peter Lanyon among others-will not represent a conflict of



Rothschild's John Morgan in London yesterday: the art of pension fund management.

John Methven, the director- which will not be available in general, and Lord Watkinson, early November. general, and Lord Watkinson, the retiring president, of the Confederation of British Industry, are, I hear, so pleased with last month's first angula case 1,300 delegates—next year's is likely to attract at least 2,000. This means that ing assets in a pension fund has Confederation of British Industry, are, I hear, so pleased with last month's first annual conference that they are recom-mending more of the same.

the choice was between Brigh-ton, the Wembley Conference Centre in London and Black-

policy document. Next time however, the CBI managers will eschew discussion of vague general motions in favour of a livelier debate of detailed and contentious points, giving CBI dissidents more of a chance. Incidentally, coverage of last month's conference in the newspapers and on radio and tele-vision is being followed by a surge in CBI membership. This in turn is likely to add fresh fuel to an old CBI controversy -whether to stay in the present headquarters in Tothill Street. Wesminster, or to acquire purpose-built premises, as for instance on a Crown Estates site in nearby Pimlico.

David Abell, managing director of Leyland Special Products (that is the profitable, non-automotive subsidiary of the state-owned motor group) is pushing his products with a Christmas card devoted to "A Special Christmas Carol". Recipients are instructed sing it "in a lively voice to traditional music": "On the 12th day of Christmas, Special Products sold to me-12 dump trucks dumping 11 compressors freezing, 10 lift-trucks lifting, nine tanks all firing, eight gears achanging, seven presses printing, six tractors crawling, five quarry plants, four road rollers, three least exchanges. however, it will probably have The conference will again be three heat exchangers, two seed to be at the Dome, rather than a two and a half day affair and drills, altogether in one big at the new Conference Centre, will again be built around a family tree."

YORKSHIRE & LANCASHIRE INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Highlights of the Annual Statement made by the Chairman, Mr Cecil C. Taylor, F.C.A.

The revenue after interest payable of £95,401 for the year ended 30th September, 1977, compares with £79,032 for the previous year. The increase is due to higher rates of dividends being paid on the Company's investments, and a reduction of £7,455 in the bank interest payable due to lower interest rates on a lower average amount out-

standing during the year. A final dividend of 0.95p per share is recommended which makes the total for the year 1.35p per share. With the related tax credit this is equal to 2.045p per share gross compared with 1.692p per share gross last year, an increase of 21%.

The substantial rise in prices on The Stock Exchange has resulted in an increase of £495,199 in the capital reserves and has lifted the net asset value per share by

57% from 21.9p to 34.3p. Until the general level of wage settlements is determined share prices are likely to prove volatile. However, the improvement in the value of sterling, if it can be maintained, will reduce inflation thus benefiting the United Kingdom economy. The recent tax reductions should improve the position of consumer industries and in time reduce unemployment. Consequently on a mediumterm view the outlook for the United Kingdom is favourable.

While seeking to protect shareholders capital against the ravages of inflation, investment policy will continue to place emphasis on increasing income which it is expec-ted will provide a further increase in dividend for the current year.

Barratt Developments makes £3m bid for James Harrison

Edinburgh house builder James

Harrison Holdings. every 11 Harrison, valuing the Harrison shares at 60p against a market price of 54p, up 4p on the news. There is also a cash an annual rental income of alternative of 53p, available for £52,000 but is due for a major the first 21 days of the offer.

The directors of Harrison are advising shareholders to accept the offer and bave already agreed to the terms for 77.2 per cent of the equity. Honorary president Mr James Harrison, who now lives in the Isle of Man, has a 77.4 per cent stake

in the group.

Mr John Cassidy, deputy
chairman of Barratt, describes
the deal as a logical expansion

By Michael Prest

of the existing debt.

Total borrowings in March last were £43m, while Share-

holders' funds were £60m. Three

years ago Meyer raised a £10m

loan, of which £1.5m was recently repaid and another £500,000 is due for repayment next month. Mr Mallett said that Meyer had been considering the latter more for chevi

ing the latest move for about

Meyer's profits for the year to end-March 1977 were £14.3m, on a turnover of £222m. Interim

figures up to end-September show profits of £7.47m, slightly down on the same period last

increase the Barratt land bank, extend existing contracting The Newcastle-based group is work, already strong in the offering six ordinary shares for North of Scotland, into the central belt and give them an office block in the centre of Edinburgh. This currently has in Aberdeen and current orders review in February 1978.

However, the City was not so sure of the advantages of the arm in the central belt deal yesterday and, in a sector In the six months to

Harrison land bank will slot including the revaluation into these plans. The land was fixed assets, amounted valued in the last accounts at around £3.25m.

£661,000 and Mr Cassidy agrees Barratt Developments has land. that the current rating is "not made an agreed £3.1m bid for The takeover of Harrison will materially different." Already strong in Scotland,

Barratt operates two house building subsidiaries, in Fal-kirk and Aberdeen. Over the past couple of years it has been expanding its contracting side are at record levels. The group is now hoping to expand the Harrison contracting

work into a similarly thriving In the six months to June 30 which saw most shares firm a last, Harrison made a pre-tax few pence, Barratt eased 1p to profit of £536,000 against a pre-Barratt is due to start a sub-sidiary in Edinburgh in the new year and the 350-plot Harrison land bank will slow

company for the small genera-tors in the absence of a sophis-ticated grid system. However, Mr James Bird, chairman, now believes the proportion of total sales taken by exports has reached a peak

Petbow now

home sector

fillip from

sure on export margins.

In the six months to Septem-

ber 30 turnover rose by 28 per

gets

because of signs of a pickup in the United Kingdom market. This has been largely because of the November blackour that inspired many companies to order stand-by generators. Pet-bow's marketing effort is now concentrating on persuading companies in the developed countries of the necessity of

emergency generators. Export prospects have been pressured by the rise in the pound, a factor that has been reemphasized in recent days. But Mr Bird says the company is striving to keep costs down in a bid to stay competitive. Wage settlements in the group

bave been within the prevailing Government guidelines. Overall Mr Bird expects secondhalf performance to out-strip the £1.5m made in the second half last year. The in-terim dividend is 4.54p gross and the rotal dividends for the year are expected to be 13.03p, the maximum permitted.

Recovery continues at Burco Dean

After a year in which pre-tax profits recovered from £523,000 to £1.1m and turnover jumped from £17.8m to £24.3m, Lord Hewlett, the chairman of Burco Dean says that the im-provement continues despite the fact that recent Government measures to boost the economy have had little effect, the board expects short-term growth to be maintained.

talks vital for FMC

FMC's interim pre-tax loss of from the Brussels Commission with the group predicting a re-turn to profitability by the end not good. of the year, the shares improved starement

has come up a good way since indirectly by its suppliers. then. So the few remaining outside sharebolders, now that the NFU has 73 per cent of the equity, can rightly rue a missed opportunity for divestment.

E427,000 is a good deal less than on the thorny issues of the some pessimistic forecasts. And On this score the omens are or good. Meanwhile FMC's statement yesterday about "commercial considerations" is This is still a long way short of the 115p or so achieved at the time of the abortive Borth
the deal of the still a long way short in the group has come to the time of the abortive Borth
terms with its unique position wick takeover attempt last as an independently profit-March—and the stock market oriented group but controlled

> suggestions by renegade director, Mr "Bill" Newton-Clare, suggestions by renegade direc-tor, Mr "Bill" Newton-Clare, that the group is moving to-wards being a "farmers' co-operative" seems to be that "ultimately it har a common interest with them in expanding the supply of British produce to the British marker".

Change Wares in £1m deal

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and wire-based products group, expects a turnround of £1.02m into a pre-tax profit of not less than £450,000 for the 17 models. to December 31, 1978. Total dividends of not less than 0.60p gross are also forecast. This will include a contribu-

tion of not less than £200,000

buying for some £1.02m.
This will be satisfied on completion by £525,000 in cash and the issue of 3.3m new ordinary shares which for the purpose of the acquisition have been valued at 15p each.

assets as at March 31, stood at

Stock markets

Strong demand in first two hours

perform strongly and the municipal workers' pay settlement seen as a significant victory for restraint investors made a brief but significant By Bryan Appleyard Petbow Holdings maker of welding and generating stts, is still being powered along by its overseas sales in spite of pres-

return to the equity market.

Though most of the business was transacted in the first couple of hours it was good enough in a market short of stock to put the FT Index 9.4 ahead by midday, the first time prices have gained ground in seven sessions Dealers commented that for

cent from £7.8m to £10m and pretax profits by 12 per cent from £1.3m to £1.44m. Export sales rose by 40 per cent from £6.1m to £8.5m. brief spell demand was very good but that in the present. state of the market any sort Perbow is still benefiting from the cash flowing into the OPEC countries ever since the of buying activity was bound to have a disproportionate effect. Fund managers, it seems, are major rises in oil prices. Countries like Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Iraq have all turned to the still not interested in any commitment equities, a fact well illustrated

> Talk that the Canadian parent of York Trailer might make a minority bid lifted the trailer maker's shares op to 75p. Mr Fred Davies, chairman, said there was no reason for such speculation. He preferred to think the interest stemmed from the strong nine-month pro-fits and an effective two-thirds dividend increase in the form of a scrip in preference shares.

yesterday when afternoon trading almost ground to a halt. Gilt-edged stocks consolidated the gains of recent days with rises of around three-eighths for longer maturities and a mixed showing around over-night levels from "shorts". With ATV in the arena Madame Tussand's jumped 61p With ATV in the arena Madame Tussaud's jumped 6ip to 58ip in the hope of counter-terms from S. Pearson, the original bidder. The terms, worth £4 from the privately owned Andrew Weir, caused Spink & Son to be marked up 100p to 385p but Wilkinson Match slipped a couple of peace 1 per 100 to 100 to

the news of a stake changing market to finish 6p firmer at

Demand in a thin market lifted an old speculative ances from Rowntree Mackin-favourite, Newarthill, 15p to tosh up 9p to 414p, Associated 167p and Joseph Stocks rose 10p to 150p after a mention here.

Distillers continued to move ahead on industry rationaliza-tion hopes, with Arthur Bell 4p to 220p and Highland 4p to 128p again featuring. Edinburgh housebuilder James Harrison closed 4p to the good at 54p after touching 58p on terms from Barratt developments.

tinued to suffer from adverse comment but later rallied to end half a point better at 95p. Two to benefit from comment were Dalgety, up 7p to 219p, and Associated Engineering, where a broker's circular helped with a rise of 4p to 123p. In spite of the threat of possible redundancies supported included GKN 6p to 273p and Beecham 5p to 67p. In the building sector A. Monk to end half a point better at statement, Marley continued to statement, Marley continued to statement, Marley continued to 219p, and Associated Engineering, where a broker's circular helped with a rise of 4p to 123p. In spite of the threat of possible redundancies Midland 383p and National Early in the day BSR con-

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Nova Kait (I) 2.8(2.3)
Petbow (I) 10.0(7.8)

Foods saw strong perform tosh up 9p to 414p, Associated Dairies 8p to 248p, Sainsbury 5p to 195p and, after a profits recovery forecast, FMC, which

ended 1p better at 73p.

A "bear" squeeze lifted
Thorn 16p to 372p while there were also double-figure gains from other big names like Metal Box 14p to 300p, Glaxo 10p to 585p and Tube Invest-ments 10p to 356p. Others well supported included GKN 6p to

Latest results

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Profits

Westminster at 283p. After figures Lloyds & Scottish ended 2p better at 109p. Equity turnover on December 19 was £46.23m (9,313 bargains).

Oil dealers are nuceling over the destination of the 12m ordinary shares in Lasmo which National Carbonising sold through the market carly last Normal institutional sources are reported not to have seen the shares, lending weight to the theory that they were taken by one buyer. The com-pany was not able to confirm or deny this last night. The shares truded at 50p.

Active stocks vesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, BAT Dfd, CEC, Gus "A", Reed International, Thorn, BP, Glaxo, A. Bell, BSR, M. Tussauds and Caravans Inter-

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Montague L. Outcome of Brussels Meyer's £15m loan

Montague L. Meyer, timber distribution group, has raised a £15m, seven-year loan to refinance on more favourable terms some of its previous bank borrowings. The loan was arranged and syndicated by

Hambros Bank, At the end of the last financial year in March 1977 Meyer had short-term bank borrowings of £30.7m, up from £12.4m the year before. Mr C. A. P. Mallett, the company's finance director, said that he was "very satisfied with the rates" on the Ioan and that it would lengthen some

Despite efficiency improve-ments and some recovery in byproducts' markets, FMC's per-formance next year rests solidly on what sort of deal British

Change Wares, the wire-mesh Royton, Lancashire, which it is

Stockwell's consolidated net from H. Stockwell, a private £1.28m and the average net family-controlled steel stock profits before tax during the holding company based at past five years were £177,000.

Slimmed-down sales knocks Polly Peck into the red

Nova Knit (1)
Petbow (1)
Plaxton's (F)

By Our Pinancial Staff Ledes' cloubing manufactu-rer and distributor Polly Peck (Holdings), which was previ-ously troubled by the 1974-75 property slump has slipped into

the red again.

In the six months to September 19 the group turned in a pre-tax loss of £25,000 against a previous profit of £30,000 on turnover down 14 per cent to £655.000 And the problem area this

time has been the fashion side. The short fall in incomes has The snort rail in incomes has been agreed to character the group to hive off the property remaining liabilities is completely and provide perty side and es sufficient working capital for the fashion division.

National Westmanster, the provincial outlets has not been group's bankers, have agreed at 74p yesterday.

man of Britain's fifth largest building society, the Woolwich, told the annual meeting in London that the level of

London that the level of business was running ahead of expectations, but he sounded a note of caution. "We have seen", he said, "how quickly the market can turn in our favour, and how quickly it can turn against us. Recently we have seen the first upturn in interest rates for over a year.

evident in the main London stores in which PP products are sold. But, with 70 per cent of sales coming outside London, this improvement could be re-flected in second-half figures.

Earlier this year the group cut back on premises and labour in an attempt to contain costs and Mr Zelker & hopeful that PP will be trading profitably by the year end. Reasonable orders for the spring and summer have been obtained A new financial arrangement

has been agreed to enable the group to hive off the property side completely and provide sufficient working capital for

mortgage interest rate is 6.3 per cent after basic tax relief.

Demand for loans was still

high and the Woolwich's was

currently completing £45m of

advances a month. He added

to accept an undisclosed sum to pay off the liabilities of the fashion side and this increases the net assets of the division by around £160,000 to a total of £500,000.

Another bank has offered the group a facility to finance the fashion division's working capital and this will be secured by fixed and floaring charges over the assets. These arrangements cance

these arrangements cancer the direct indebtedness of the fashion division to Nat West, release the group from the remaining liabilities of the property side and establish a new working capital facility with another bank. other bank.
The shares were unchanged

Board changes take place at Int Combustion

Combustion is still strongly recommending shareholders to accept the bid from Northern accept the bid from Northern Engineering of seven NE shares and £3.55p cash or 11.75 new NE shares for every ten ICH. All the directors of ICH have now agreed to accept the bid. Four directors of NEI are to be invited to joion the ICH board. They are: Sir James Woodeson, Mr R. Baker, Mr G. T. Goughtrie and Mr. D. McDonald.

meeting on January 3, Mr A. Meeson, Mr J. A. C. Talbot and Sar Montague Finniston will be retiring from the ICH board.
Eisewhere, Mr Meeson and Mr
Talbot will receive golden
handshakes for loss of office.

Briefly

Counter-bid for Wintour by directors

A counter-offer for the Windsor-based motor group Wintour Holdings has been mounted by Stalkfast a public company bought up by its six directors for the purpose. Five of its directors are on the Wintour board. Stalkfast has been given irrevocable undertakings to accept on a stake of 17.17 per

cent of Wintour's equity.

The move follows an ofter from A. A. Clark, also of Windsor, of 90p cash a share. Stalk-fast is offering either 921p cash. or one of its shares or an amount of loan stock for each

OLBY, BOGNOR REGIS
In recent announcement of takeover by Cakebread Robey of A. Olby & Son and P. & B. Factors of Penge, it should be stated that they have no financial connexion with A. Olby & Son (Bognor Regis) and P. & B. Factors (Bognor Regis). Both the latter are entirely independent. The board of International UNITED KINGDOM PROPERTIES

London Consolidated Properties have disposed of their entire holding of 4.15m shares. Throgmorton Securities has increased its stake by this amount and now holds 24.79m shares.

CROUCH GROUP

Mr R. E. Arls, chairman, has retired from the board and on behalf of investment clients, McAnakiy Montgomery have bought from him 430,000 ord shares and from the trustees of the estate of G. T. Crouch, 450,000 shares (a total of 22.5 per cent in Crouch group) at 35.1p per share, Mr W. F. Lyons is new chairman.

a note of caution. "We have seen", he said, "how quickly the market can turn in our favour, and how quickly it can turn against us. Recently we have seen the first upturn in interest rates for over a year, and whilst we cannot be certain that this indicates the start of a sustained upward trend, the effect has been to postpone any decision regarding another cut in building society rates." Sir Oliver did not feel rates were too high. "It should be borne in mind that the cost to that the advances a month. He added that over the past couple of months there had been a slight acceleration in house price increases, but he did not think that the increased lending of the Woolwich and other societies would cause an unacceptable rise in prices. "Rather I would suspect there buyant conditions in the housing market, where prices for the last few years have been than the cost of living index." Warning of setback hits **Spear & Jackson shares**

Business better than

expected at Woolwich

Sir Oliver Chesterton, chair- the borrower of a 91 per cent

on a warning from the board that profits for the full year to January 1 are now unlikely to exceed the £1.41m made last

year.

In September the board of this Sheffield-based agricultural, garden and building root group said that progress in the first half had been up to expectations and that profits for the full year were expected to "materially exceed the 1976 total". Now Mr Stephen de Bartolmé, the chairman, says that the level of activity in the United Kingdom has not the United Kingdom has not come up to expectations.

Yearling bond coupon down once again

This week the interest rate on local authority bonds is down one eighth to 71 per cent. Only two authorities, Barnet and Greenwich, are raising £1m and Greenwich, are raising 21m at the present rate but there are many more bonds for smaller amounts. Among the variable rate bonds the biggest is the £1m, 1981, bond from Bolton. Another variable is favoured by East Devon to raise £500,000.

Shell \$500m Eurobond is biggest of kind

A \$500m, 12-year issue of

Shares of Spear and Jackson tion of market conditions dropped op to 152p yesterday because of weakness of the on a warning from the board dollar.

BIT to continue in its present form

The board of British Invest-ment Trust has been informed by NCBPF that BIT will con-tinue in its present form for the time being and that its policy will be designed to benefit all shareholders alike. Should any change in the form of BIT be considered in the future, the board of BIT will take the interests of all shareholders into

Meanwhile Messrs G. R. Simpson and I. R. Pitman, Sir Thomas G. Waterlow, Messrs Burnett-Stuart and D. W. N. Landale have resigned from the board and four representa-tives of NCBPF, Messrs F. B. Harrison, H. R. Jenkins, G. C. Shephard and D. J. Prosser have become directors. Mr M. Campbell Penney and Mr J. W. Blair have agreed to remain on the board of BIT to provide continuity for the minority shareholders.

Warning on current vear at Bluemel

Production at the Wolston factory of Bluemel Bros was halred by an unofficial dispute for two weeks in October and the loss of turnover may have some effect on the results in A \$500m, 12-year issue of Shell International Finance has been priced at 9.9, bearing 8.25 per cent annually to yield 8.39 rect year. On the other hand per cent at maturity, making it the largest corporate Eurobood issue floated so far. It is guaranteed jointly by the principal holding companies in the Royal/Dutch Shell Group.

A spokesman said the offering was priced at a discount to take into account the deteriora-

Foreign Exchange.

The dollar staged a late rally on foreign exchange yesterday afternoon, but still closed lower against the majority of currencies. Stering spurted around 2 cents against the dollar during the morning, but profit-taking developed over the last hour or so m reduce the gam on the day to 70 points at \$1.8805. The effective exchange rate index finished up 0.4 at 64.5, having touched 64.6 at midday. "The Bundesbank and Swiss National Bank gave some support to the dollar as it tumbled to new lows. The Japanese yen firmed from 240.80 to 240.75 in dollar terms Gold lost \$0.75 to close in London at \$159.625.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

OLBY, BOGNOR REGIS

Discount market

Discount houses came up against a substantial shortage of fresh funds yesterday and the Bank of England found it necessary to come to their relief with assistance on an exceptionally large scale. The authorities bought a large quantity of Treasury bills and a small amount of local authority bills directly from the houses and, in addition, lent a very large sum for technical reasons overright to four or five houses at MLR (7 per cent).

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For much of the session, money was very, very tight. From initial 7 per cent. and there was no real change in the picture until very late in the picture until very late in the day. Then, after it was seen that the help from the Bank had clearly been more than enough, rates came off to allow books to be closed over a band of 4 per cent to 6 per cent.

Bill dealers reported only modest activity, during which both Treasury bills and "eligible" bank bills looked a shade easier for a spell,

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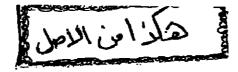
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FMC LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Group unaudited results

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The operation of the Common Market rules on monetary compensatory amounts coupled with the continued refusal of the United Kingdom government to bring the "Green Pound" more into line with its real value has had the effect of providing huge subsidies of almost 13p per lb to producers of Rire beef, of over £240 per tonne to producers of Danish bacon and of over £240 per tonne on Danish and Dutch canned hams exported to the UK.

... Apart from the serious discouragement of those UK producers on whom we rely for supplies of raw material the dumping could place in jeopardy the jobs of some hundreds of our skilled and loyal workers. Losses were incurred by our meat division in the first half of the financial year. ... However, our management action has brought about a marked improvement ... over the past three months and the losses have been extinguished. Our By-Products division also ran into losses earlier in the financial half-year ... but the position has improved over the last few weeks. The Poultry division has traded reasonably satisfactorily against a background of over-production of poultry meat but the outlook to the end of the year is not encouraging ... our Harris division has suffered serious losses at some of its factories. A critical review of every facet of our bacon and meat products business is being carried out. . . . The board are fully aware of the state of the industry and the problems that he ahead and from the actions being taken we consider that the company should be restored to profitability by the end of the financial year.

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We must take this opportunity of replying to recent suggestions to the effect that considerations other than strictly commercial ones influence the conduct of the Group's business.

Group's business.

The Board's sole concern is the profitability of FMC in the interests of our shareholders and our employees and none of the directors is motivated by any other consideration or interest. FMC deals on a commercial basis with its suppliers, principally British farmers, but ultimately it has a common interest with them in expanding the supply of British products to the British market. The problem FMC faces is not pressure from British farmers but unfair competition from subsidized imports.



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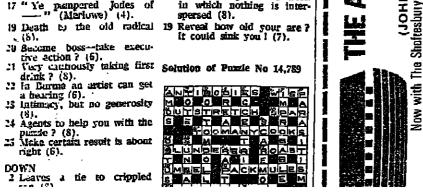
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